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Leading Indicators Rise 0.5%, and Home Sales Attain a Record High

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - A stream of upbeat U.S. economic statistics came to a climax on Wednesday with a fourth successive monthly rise in the government's chief forecasting gange and a healthy gain in home sales. The index of 11 leading indicators, which is

designed to predict economic activity six to nine mouths in the future, gained 0.5 percent in November, the Commerce Department report-ed. The National Association of Realtors said sales of existing homes increased by 2.9 percent in the month, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.21 million. This was the highest level since the association began keeping the statistics in 1968.

Along with data in the last week suggesting that consumer and business confidence was increasing, Wednesday's statistics appeared to underpin economists' predictions that 1994 would be a year of steady growth without much inflation

After four years of a dismal housing market, sales began picking up this year. Pent-up de-mand was fed by low mortgage rates, which in turn were brought down by the Clinton admin-istration's deficit-reduction legislation. This began a virtuous circle that led Allen Sinai, chief economist of Lehman Brothers, to speak of "the light at the end of the tunnel after the longest period of subpar growth in modern U.S. economic history." Low interest rates also helped auto sales

rebound in mid-December to an annual pace of 12.9 million, 27 percent above December 1992. Purchases of big-ticket items, meanwhile, which include home appliances as well as cars, helped increase durable goods orders in November by 2 percent. Through Christmas Day, the month's sales at

department and discount stores were 8.1 percent ahead of last December, Johnson Redbook Service, which monitors retail trends, reported. Housing and nondefense capital spending, mainly on computers, are already up 20 percent over last year.

On Tuesday, the Commerce Department forecast a 2.8 percent increase in manufacturing shipments next year, the highest jump since



ONE BIG BUDDHA - A security officer is dwarfed by the head of one of the world's largest bronze Buddhas, dedicated Wednesday in Hong Kong. It stands 34 meters high.

China Takes a Leap Toward a Convertible Currency

By Kevin Murphy ed Herold Tribune

HONG KONG - China's decision Wednesday to float its currency starting Saturday will end the complicated and costly currency transactions that penalize foreign companies and travelers in China. But the move does not mean the currency will be fully convertible anytime

The move, which is aimed at accelerating reform of China's chaotic financial system, will scrap a dual exchange-rate system and end more than four decades of rate setting by central government planners in a socialist, command economy.

The free market will now determine the value currencies for Foreign Exchange Certificates, of the yuan, the central People's Bank of China yuan notes bought at the higher official rates.

The decision is likely to help Beijing in its bid to join the international trade and financial community on a more even footing. But bankers and analysis, citing an overheated domestic economy and underdeveloped capitalist bank-ing system, said full convertibility of the yuan was unlikely in the near future.

In addition, complex rules announced by the central bank made it clear that access to foreign exchange would remain restricted.

However, foreigners working or traveling in China will no longer need to cash in their

Currently China requires a substantial amount of all foreign-exchange transactions to be conducted at the official rate of 5.8 yuan to the dollar.

Beijing also allows authorized businesses and institutions to trade currencies in about 100 "swap markets" scattered around the country where \$1 is now worth 8.7 yuan in relatively free trading.

Abolishing the two rates is just the latest step by China toward a more market-style economy New tax laws also take effect Saturday and

there are plans to overhaul the state banking system. The exchange-rate announcement came days after a report that the move would be put off until spring.

"The long-awaited currency reform is a key for further reform of the foreign trade system. and it will have a profound effect on the devel-opment of China's foreign trade," Wu Yi, Chipa's minister of foreign trade and economic cooperation, said in Beijing.

The minister also said the currency move would boost China's bid for membership in the General Agreement on Tarille and Trade, and

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Israel Looks To New Talks With PLO to **Find Accord**

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'Meeting of the Minds,' But No Agreement Yet **On Transfer of Power**

> By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO -- Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization failed to compromise Wednesday on a transfer of power that was to bave begun more than two weeks ago, despite assertions by the Israeli foreign minister that there had been a "meeting of the minds" during three days of talks. The two sides said that they had formulated

only "a set of understandings" on how to overcome obstacles that have repeatedly delayed an; Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Gaza-Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

They will conduct further negotiations next week, probably in Cairo, in an effort to resolve several thorny problems, the most important of which is who will control crossing points with Jordan and Egypt.

There was also disagreement over the size of the Jericho area that would be turned over by the Israeli Army to the Palestinians, and on security arrangements for Jewisb settlers in the Gaza Strip and near Jericho when the Israeli Army pulls back.

The two chief negotiators, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestine Liberation Organization, as well as Egyptian mediators, tried to put a positive spin on the conduct of the talks, but there was little evidence that progress had been achieved.

"The two delegations have reached a meeting of the minds on the central issues of the border crossings, the size of Jericho and matters relating to the Gaza Strip," Mr. Peres told reporters as he stood side by side with Mr. Abbas and the

Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Moussa. "There are still principles remaining to be discussed," Mr. Peres said.

"It is not simple for either side to to make concessions or compromises." be noted, adding that "the situation is that now the leadership of the two parties will have to accept or reject these positions."

Mr. Abbas was more circumspect. He said only that "there are a number of ideas which have been set and are currently being discussed by the leaderships."

"We will continue to negotiate and bope to reach a comprehensive agreement concerning it have been discu

furnishings and medical equipment pacing the overall advance in capital equipment and consumer durables.

All this pushed up the Conference Board's index of consumer confidence for December by 8.3 points, to 80.2, an increase of almost 20 points just since October. Smiles also broke out among management; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported its bimonthly index of business executives' confidence rose sharply, from 46.4 in October to 54.3 in November.

Several forecasters shaded their estimates of inflation-adjusted growth in the overall econo-my upward by half a percentage point or so for this quarter to an annual rate of 4 to 4.5 percent. Estimates for growth in gross domestic product for the first quarter of 1994 were like-wise boosted to about 3 percent. After the first three months of the year, hardly anyone is taking bets or anything more than 2.5 or 3 percent growth, with inflation slightly less. Among these is Laurence H. Meyer, an eco-

nomic consultant in St. Louis, Missouri, who won this year's forecasting award given by Blue

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Zhirinovsky's Road Show Gets Raving-Mad Reviews

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - In Austria, where he was the guest of a former Nazi, he rattled Europe with claims of a mysterious new weapon stronger than the atom bomb. In Bulgaria, before he was expelled, angry crowds screamed

"Damn you!" and petted him with debris. On Wednesday, Germany refused to grant him a visa. And

Australians are up in arms at reports that his next stop may be Sydney. With the possible exception of Michael Jackson's world

tour. Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky may be setting a new standard for disastrous road trips.

The Russian nationalist, who wants to restore the Soviet Union's borders and add Alaska and Finland for good measure, embarked on a European vacation shortly after his extremist party's stunning success on Dec. 12 in elections for a new national legislature.

Since then, his rich repertoire of obnoxious, outlandish and impolitic pronouncements has prompted bowls of protest and derision in his host countries.

But although the temptation may be to dismiss Mr. Zhirinovsky as a loathsome boor, as his critics have done for so long, be is not being treated that way in Europe.

Rather, his drumbeat of crude and threatening declarations has caused diplomatic uncase at the highest levels. In particular, his outrageous remarks, coupled with his recent show of support in parliamentary elections, are prompting serious discussion in Europe about whether to fashion new policies to meet the perceived threat of rising fascism in Russia.

As a result, Mr. Zhirinovsky's road show is forcing President Boris N. Yeltsin's government to respond, rather than ignore him and deprive him of the publicity he evidently craves. On Wednesday, the Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement emphasizing that the Russian government did not share Mr. Zhirinovsky's views.

On his first stop of his European tour a week ago. Mr. Zhirinovsky stopped briefly in Munich to meet with Gerhard Frey, head of the radical-right German People's Union Party, and Austrian extremists. Mr. Zhirinovsky and Mr. Frey are longtime allies, and there have been reports that Mr. Frey's party and other German fringe groups helped fund the Rus-sian nationalist's well-financed election campaign. Officials of Mr. Zhirinovsky's misnamed Liberal Democratic Party have denied the reports.

After Munich, it it was on to Austria, where Mr. Zhirinovsky was the guest of a former Waffen SS soldier in a remote village in the Austrian Alps. His host, Edwin Neuwirth, a 67year-old businessman, told reporters that he was "proud" to have been a Nazi in his youth.

In a rambling news conference in Austria on Dec. 23, Mr. Zhirinovsky declared that Russia possessed a secret nonnucle-

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crossings, Gaza and Jericho," Mr. Abbas said. But in Tunis, the PLO Executive Committee served notice that it was on the verge of rejecting the proposals that resulted from the Cairo talks.

It accused Israel of "obstructing the current negotiations and failing the meet its obligations to keep the deadlines for starting Israeli withdrawal from the areas of Gaza and Jericho and completing this by April 13, 1994."

Egyptian officials said the PLO chairman. Yasser Arafat, arrived in Cairo on Wednesday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak, amid speculation that Mr. Arafat might officially reject the conclusions of the talks.

Israeli, Egyptian and Palestinian officials said the two sides had "recorded their views" of how security problems should be handled in the occupied territories in the context of an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho.

Among other things, they agreed that Pales-tinians would share responsibility with Israel in controlling access by visitors to the West Bank and Gaza.

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A Hungry Latin America Awaits NAFTA

By James Brooke

New York Tunes Service RIO DE JANEIRO - The North American Free Trade Agreement takes effect Saturday, and that event is being seen in many Latin American countries as a first step toward the day when the pact expands south from Mexico,

creating a free-trade hemisphere. Overshadowed by the debate over the accord between the United States, Canada and Mexico, the economies of Latin America, a region long gripped by protectionism, have experi-enced a free-trade transformation of their own. Mexico is to join a second free trade pact next month. On Jan. 23, the presidents of Co-

lombia. Mexico and Venezuela are to sign an agreement that phases out tariffs over a decade, creating a duty-free market of 150 million people.

And with the North American accord's ap-proval, leaders of virtually every major Latin American nation except Brazil said their country should be next in line to join the North American trade bloc.

President Bill Clinton has encouraged such hopes, saying, "I'll reach out to the other mar-ket-oriented democracies of Latin America to ask them to join in this great American pact."

The average tariff charged by Latin American nations to outsiders has dropped to 15 percent, from 56 percent in 1985. This opening has made Latin America the world's fastestgrowing market for goods made in the United

With lower tariffs, U.S. exports to Latin America rose 27 percent in 1992. Half of Latin America's trade now is with the United States. Of all the Latin American applicants to the

North American group, Chile has the best prospects.

Following a free-market, export-driven model, Chile emerged from the dictatorship of the 1970s and 1980s as Latin America's most robust economy. With expansion at an average rate of 8 percent a year since 1990, economists predict that Chile will reach the living standards of Spain in the next 10 years. Earlier this year, Chilean officials began pre-

liminary talks with the Clinton administration. And since 1990, Chile has signed free-trade pacts with Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezucla and Mexico.

U.S. officials are telling South Americans that the North American Free Trade Agreement is just the beginning. "Most of it could happen before the end of

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Blast Hurts Boy At French Beach

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BORDEAUX (Reuters) - A boy was wounded on a beach near Quiberon in Brittany on Wednesday when an explosive detonator blew up in his face. It was the first accident since explosives began washing up on France's western coastline on Dec. 17.

About 5,000 explosive detonators, part of 34,000 spilled into the Atlantic by a Cypriot vessel in September, have been found so far, prompting authorities to seal off France's Atlantic seaboard from the tip of Brittany to the Spanish border.

IRA Will Fight On

LONDON (AFP) - The Irish Republi-can Army vowed Wednesday to continue its armed struggle against a British pres-ence in Northern Ireland, but said in its end of year statement that it hoped for an

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ed and two were defused. In Washington, a law enforcement source

Figley. "The mouve is unclear at this point but it is "The mouve is unclear at this point but it is probably something like vengeance," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity. The Buffalo News quoted unidentified law

enforcement sources as saying the bombings apparently stemmed from a dispute between Mr. Stevens and his former wife, Brenda. Others identified her as his estranged girlfriend. The newspaper said she was the third person being questioned, but sources did not know

whether she was considered a suspect. She is the daughter of Eleanor Fowler, who

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***Fashion Note: Dressing Down for Work**

By Jay Mathews ton Post Service

SCARSDALE, New York -As the owner of a commercial real estate firm on Park Avenue in Manhattan, Alan Ginsberg is concerned about the impression he makes, and he usually leaves for work in a well-tailored suit and tie. So why, on this marning, is he waiting for his train in black loafers, offive slacks, a black and olive windowpane sports jacket and a mustard turtle-neck pullover?

Why not? Mr. Ginsberg reckons that he has

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Not a Pressing Matter

Japanese and American companies appear to be on the verge of a technological break-through: cotton shirts that require little or no ironing. Page 9.

no public appearances this day, only thinking and writing at the office. The long bours at his desk will pass more quickly if he is comfortable.

The 42-year-old entrepreneur has, without thinking much about it, become part of an evolution in office apparei that is subtly but unmistakably changing the atmosphere of the American workplace and heavily influencing the clothing industry. The suit, once virtually a uniform for businessmen, is now in decline.

Each year for the last two decades, men's clothing retailers have watched glumly as sales of suits have timped along and in many places declined. Some have hoped for some galvaniz-ing event — perhaps a 1930s nostalgia boom —

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to reverse the trend. So far they have been disappointed.

"It is amazing," said John Karl, menswear department chairman at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. "When you go into a store, you will see downsizing of the suits area. Lifestyles have changed so drastically."

According to figures compiled by the NPD Group, a market research company in Port Washington, New York, U.S. sales of suits, suit separates and sports coats declined from \$4.2 billion in 1988 to \$3.8 billion in 1992,

Their share of total men's apparel sales dropped from 14.3 percent to 10.8 percent.

In explaining the declining popularity of the suit, fashion experts note the rise of computers, the growing stress on productivity, the advent of women executives and the decline of dress codes in American colleges.

"With so many offices going into electronic status, dealing with people through faxes and computers, there is no need for appearance to be as large a factor," said Jerry Berkowitz, See SUITS, Page 6

end to the sectarian conflict. General News "Retirement pregnancies' spur ethical de-bate after woman, 59, has twins. Page 2. A black activist's inflammatory speech bas divided a U.S. college campus. Page 3.

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ROCHESTER, New York - Three people

were being questioned and three others were in protective custody Wednesday after a wave of bombings, apparently targeting one family, killed five people across upstate New York.

The bombings reportedly stemmed from a feud between a former convict and his estranged girlfriend, a member of the targeted family. They were among those being questioned, a Buffalo newspaper reported.

Lieutenant Patricia Cona of the Rochester police declined to identify those being ques-tioned at police headquarters or say whether any were suspects.

Killed within 90 minutes Tnesday night were a couple, their daughter, ber boyfriend and a bystander. Six bombs hidden in metal fishing tackle boxes were delivered to four homes, an

Bomber With a Family Grudge Explosives in the Mail Kill 5 in New York State

Mr. Peres, left, and Mr. Abbas fielding questions Wednesday about their negotiations.

armored-car garage and a prison. Four explod-

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identified two of the people under questioning as former convicts. Michael Stevens and Earl

'Retirement Pregnancies' Spur a Wide Ethical Debate

By William E. Schmidt

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LONDON - This week, after a 59-year-old woman gave birth to twins in a London hospital, doctors and politicians here have become snarled in a thickening ethical dehate. Should governments and organized medicine consider limits on the age at which a woman can seek to become pregnant as a result of human fertility treatments?

The London woman, whn has not been identified hut is described as wealthy, gave birth after eggs donated by a younger woman and fertilized by the older woman's husband were implanted into her at a private fertility clinic in Rome. Doctors in London had earlier refused to perform the same procedure because they believed the was too old to face the emotional stress of being a mother.

Coupled with news from Italy on Tuesday that a 61year-old woman treated at the same elinic may soon become one of the oldest women ever to give birth, startled physicians and health ministers are raising the possibility of more such "retirement pregnancies."

It has been technically possible for a postmenopausal woman to become pregnant with donor eggs since 1990, but the number of such pregnancies is still small. Most in-vitro fertilization clinics in the United States will not accept women who are older than their early 40s because of the low success rate.

While such pregnancies are now rare, Stuart Horner, the chairman of the British Medical Association's ethics committee, said the problem might grow over the next decade as the procedure becomes more

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A Wave of Protest

But Voter Analysis Shows

Support May Be Temporary

common. The Times of London reported that at least 13 women between the ages of 50 and 52 have already undergone similar treatment in the last year at fertility clinics in Britain. At least two have given birth, the newspaper said.

A similar situation took place in the United States when a 53-year-old woman, whose daughter was infertile, gave birth to her own grandchild earlier this year. The ethical issues in that case were muted, however, by its altruistic nature.

"Women do not have the right to have a child," said Virginia Bottomley, the British secretary of health. The child has a right to a suitable home."

Most of the objections raised by ministers and, physicians in the debate are ethical ones, based on the strong belief that it is best for a child to have active, able parents. In addition, critics have argued on medical grounds that such late pregnancies pose grave medical risks to the mother. And because donor eggs are in such short supply, some physicians make the public-health argument that they should be reserved

for younger women, where the success rate is higher. In a few cases, the National Health Service, which provides medical care without charge to all Britons, perform in-vitro, or "test tube," fertilizations. But such cases are based on the physician's determination of relative medical and clinical need and the likelihood of a satisfactory outcome.

Critics say that such procedures for older winnen should not be paid for by the National Health Service. But even as Mrs. Bottomley proposed a joint effort among European health ministers to explore what she she is the old.

Such proposals to limit pregnancy on the basis of are not only are unfair to older women, but suggest a sexual hias as well, Ian Craft, the director of the London Fertility Center, said in a London newspaper. While it was his clinic that refused to treat the woman who later sought help in Rome, he still said it was not right to impose age barriers for women "when there is no age limit for men."

Peter Bromwich, the director of a private fertility clinic in London, was among several physicians who said he would treat a woman in her 50s as long as he was convinced she was healthy, financially secure and had a supportive family. In that regard, the mother of twips was a suitable subject, Dr. Bromwich said, as she is described as a wealthy businesswoman who has a 45-year-old hushand.

The woman had been impregnated in the Rome people say that a woman of 55 is a dishrag." clinic with eggs fertilized by her husband. The eggs Another of his patients, Rossina Dalla C had been donated by an Italian woman in her 20s. In a column in The Times of London, Sandy MacAra, chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association, sharply disagreed with those who say without qualification that a mother in her 60s or 70s accident last year. He was 19. cannot provide a suitable home and family life for a young child.

"Relative youth is no guarantee of parental function ation, said a or competence, as repeated reports of abandoned and syndrome."

physician.

At the center of the debate is Severino Antinori, the Italian gynecologist and a former veterinarian who claims to have helped more than 40 women in their 50s become mothers.

Over the years, Dr. Antinori has become a familiar face in Italian newspapers. In the late 1980s, he was condemned by the Valican following reports that he had helped a 53-year-old woman to have a child by implanting one of her eges, fertilized by her partner, in the womh of her own daughter. The physician later denied being responsible for the procedure.

Last summer in The Independent on Sunday, he defended his work with older women, saying there was no reason a woman in her 50s should not have a child. "A man can have a child at that age and everyone says, "Isn't he elever?" " Dr. Antinori said. "But those same

Another of his patients, Rossina Dalla Corte, 61, told Il Messaggero, the Rome daily, that the doctor implanted a donur's fertilized eggs in her uterus three months ago. She said she and her husband wanted a child after their only son was killed in an automobile

chairman of the Council of the British Medical Association, said such cases "bordered on the Frankenstein

JERUSALEM (WP) — Israel and the Vatican gave final approval on Wednesday to a historic accord paving the way for full diplomatic relations and potentially transforming 20 centuries of tensions between

Israel and Vatican Reach Pact on Ties

WORLD BRIEFS

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lews and Catholics. --A joint commission of Israeli and Vatican representatives approved a 15-point agreement in Rome that was to be signed in Jerusalem on Thursday. The agreement, following 18 months of negotiations, is likely to lead to formal Vatican involvement in the Middle East peace process. Pope John Paul II and President Ezer Weizmann of Israel will appoint "personal representatives" with ambassadorial rank pending the estab-lishment of full diplomatic relations. That is dependent on the accord being ratified by the Pope and the Israeli Knesset. a process that is expected to take about four months.

7 Are Focus of Seoul Arms Inquiry

SEOUL (AP) - A former defense minister and six civilian military contractors have been banned from leaving the country pending investigations of multibillion-dollar arms deals, officials said Wednesday.

Choi Se Chang, who served as defense minister under former President Roh Tae Wao in 1991-92, and six officials of the Daewoo Corp., which arranges arms deals for the South Korean Defense Ministry, will face

Mr. Choi is suspected of questionable involvement in several arms acquisitions, including the purchase for \$800 million of P-3C anti-submarine planes from Lockheed. Daewoo was supposed to be paid \$4 million in service fees. Actual payments may have been as high as \$29.7 million, officials said. The extra fees, they said, may have been hribes.

Saudi Advisory Council Is Sworn In

Wednesday. The conneil has no legislative powers but can advise the king and his government on public opinion and debate subjects he presents. "The kingdom of Saudi Arabia is guided by Islamic faith and is not concerned in any way by those who obstruct or question the absence of elections." King Fahd said while swearing the council members to four-year terms. The members were appointed by the king in August.

president to stand for re-election.

By a vote of 38 to 7, the senators voted the agreement reached last month between Mr. Menem and his Peronist Party, and former President Rafi Alfonsin, leader of the opposition Radical Civic Union. The same legislation was approved by the House of Deputies last week. 188 to 53. Mr. Menem has announced an election for a constituent assembly in March to draft and approve the new constitution. It would shorten the presidential mandate from six to four years, hut permit re-election for a

Germans Escape Mogadishu Attack MOGADISHU. Somalia (Reuters) — Somali gunmen tried to ambush Germans in an armored vehicle, escaped unburt. It was the second attack

A German Defense Ministry statement issued in Bonn said the attackers pulled a pickup track across a road to block the path of the

armored transporter. Meanwhile, 400 U.S. troops left Mogadishu by air on Wednesday, leaving 9,100 U.S. soldiers shill in the country.

Illegal Payoffs Set a Record in Japan

TOKYO (AFP) - Kickbacks and hribes by Japanese companies reached a record high this year, the national tax agency said Wednesday. The tax agency said unidentified expenditures, which usually went for illegal donations and backdoor handouts, increased 6.6 percent for the first six months of this year to an all-time high of 59.5 billion yen (\$540

BELTING (Combined Dispatches) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan accused India on Wednesday of Increasing repression in . Kashmir and said she expected China's "quiet diplomacy" to help settle the dispute over the Himalayan region. She also arged the United States to lift sanctions imposed on China

over its alleged export of sensitive missile technology to Pakistan, saying that Washington had acted on the basis of "erroneous information."

"This was an emotional move-

Russians who voted for the extreme nationalist. Vladimír V. Zhirinment of the younger generation, a ovsky, is beginning to emerge from young opposition, young men demonstrating their youth, energy and resolution." Mr. Levada said. "They were drawn by Zhirinan analysis of polling data that suggests his electorate will not be sta-

There were two waves of support far Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose oddly named Liberal Democratic Pany secured the highest percentage of party-preference seats in the Dec. 12 election and will have the second-largest block in the new lower house of parliament, the State Dam:

By Steven Erlanger

New York Times Service

MOSCOW - A picture of those

Mr. Zhurinovsky and his party received 22.8 percent of the partypreference votes, while the progovernment Russia's Chrice got 15.4 percent. But Russia's Choice will have more deputies in the Duma.

Yuri A. Levada, the director of the All-Russian Center for Public Opinion and Market Research, one of Russia's best polling firms, said Wednesday that preliminary analysis carned some surprising insights.

Mr Zhirinovsky's supporters are predominantly men, but of two said. very different kinds. And as Mr. Zhirinovsky's intensive and skillful television advertising campaign took hold, a very different sort of person decided to vote for him in the last few days of the election. Mr. Levada said that more than a third of Mr. Zhirinovsky's voters seats from the party fists but only

25, better educated and from big cities, and considered essentially nonpolitical

ovsky's television propaganda and the sense of action and force." While many people were anery or confused, Mr. Levada said, "there were a lot of ways to protest" current policies, with votes for centrists like Nikolai Travkin or Grigori A. Yavlinsky, a reform economist very critical of Russia's Choice and its leader. Yegor T. Gaidar

"But a vale for Zhirinovsky was the most dramatic protest available." Mr. Levada said, "In a way. be seemed to be the only truly antiestablishment figure." At the same time, some of his

electorate already regret their vote. Mr. Levada said, and up to onethird of Zhirinovsky voters said Olovo. they would not vote for him for president. "So he may only be a temporary figure." Mr. Levada

The State Duma has 450 seats, half filled from party-preference voting and half from contests in individual constituencies. Six seats were not filled due to lack of candidates or turnout. Mr. Zhirinovsky's party got 59

Bosnia Battles Said to Kill Hundreds

cak in recent weeks, with Bosnian

bian forces and the Muslim-dominated Bosnian Army, left the number of dead "in the hundreds, notably on the Serbian side," the sources said.

much-delayed evacuation of al-most 1,000 Muslims, Croats and Serbs from Sarajevo, an operation that was finally completed in

The UN Protectiao Force in the former Yugoslavia and the Bosnian press have for weeks reported heavy fighting around Olovo, 30 kilometers (18 miles) north of Sarajevo, and Teocak, 30 kilometers from the northern

Bosnian government radio had down on the regions, but had re-ported only light casualties.

The sources put the death toll at dozens on both sides.

Agence France-Presse SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Hundreds have died in fierce fighting around the central Bosnia towns of Olovo and Teo-

Serbian forces particularly hit, Western military sources in Sara-jevo said Wednesday. Fighting between Bosnian Ser-

In Sarajevo, United Nations aid officials declared a success a

the early hours of Wednesday.

town of Tuzia. frequently reported that more than 1,000 shells a day rained

Fighting in the Olovo area exodus of Muslim villagers into

Sources in Sarajevo added that casualty figures of 5 dead and about 60 wounded in weekend clashes in the Zuc, Kobilja Glava and the Serbian-held Grbavica districts of the Bosnian capital had been grossly underestimated.

The 140 Bosnian Serbs evacuated from Sarajevo, meanwhile,

In the sharpest criticism, John Marks, the former

RIYADH (AP) — In a small step toward democracy. King Fahd insugarated Saudi Arabia's new 61-member consultative council on Wednesday.

Argentine Senate Backs Menem Bid

BUENOS AIRES (NYT) — Giving President Carlos Saul Menem a New Year's wish he has long had — the chance to run again for office in 1995 — the Argentine Senate on Wednesday approved a hill calling for a constitutional reform that among other things would allow an incumbent

second term.

in three days on United Nations troops in the Somali capital.

million), compared to the same period last year. The agency soid the total could be far higher because its survey covered only 4,909 companies, or 15 percent of Japanese husinesses capitalized at more than 100 million yen.

Bhutto Hails China's Aid on Kashmir

decided to vote for him on election

Mr. Zhirinovsky's original base, Mr. Levada said, was made up of middle-aged and older men, mostly from cities with less than 100,000 population. They worked mainly inthe state sector of industry, with average skills and earning average wages. They were, he said, "a sort of lower-nucle class," with belowaverage education.

They were not jobless of imposcrished. But they worked in a vulnerable sector of the economy -state industry --- which was already shrinking and more importantly. was widely expected to shrink further. And they had large anytetics about the future for themselves. their enteronses and their country. They worried about crime, disorder, and "weak government." They missed the great-power status of the Soviet Union, and meny identified thentselves with "the Soviet

people." Unlike support for the revived Communist Party, who tended to nationalist-Communist block will be older people, retired and on pensoons, this Zhannesses pase "the old Soviet working class," Mr. Levada said.

But in the week before the election. Mr. Zhirmovsky received a with Russia's Choice, and Deputy new wave of support. This group Prime Minister Vladimir Shuwas much younger, mostly under merke,

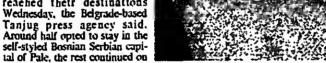
five from constituencies, according to a list published in Rossiyskye Vesu. Russia's Choice, which won 40 seats from party lists, says they will have a total of 94 deputies. The Communist Party is expectto Banja Koviljaca in southeasted to have a total of some 48 seats, era Serhia. while their Agrarian Party partners will have 33. Mr. Yavlinsky's party will have about 22 seats: Women of

Russia, which is traclear politically, will have 21 seats. Russia's Choice expects the 444-

member Duma will have some 174 deputies who are considered reformist, including Mr. Yavlinsky's block and members of Sergei Shakrat's Party of Russian Unity and Accord. They expect a loose rop-position" that will command about 195 votes, including Mr. Zhirinovsky, the Communists, Agramans and smaller contrist parties.

But there will be a floating block of "independents" in the middle whose loyalties may be decided on each tissue, and there is no guarantee that either the reformists or the function that way.

The 176-member upper house, or Federation Council, is almost two-thirds filled by local administrators and officials, including 57 affiliated



A Belgrade man with discarded dinars Wednesday. Hyperinflation soon makes new notes worthless

Is Loch Ness Monster Just a Fish Story?

By Eugene Robinson Wishington Post Service LONDON — To all the annual New Year's ins-and-wits lists, add the followang:

Out: The Loch Ness monster. In: The Loch Ness sturgeon, New research on the ecology of the Scotush loch, among the most comprehensive ever performed, strongly suggests that Loch Ness could ant support a huge, long-necked. prehistoric sea monster. If there is something down there, according

to Adrian Shine, naturalist and leader of the Loch Ness Project, evidence suggests a more provaic explanation: the sturzeon, a fish with a long snout and ridged back that can reach 500 pounds (225 kilograms).

Wayward sturgeon might find their way up the Ness River into the loch, fail to locate mates and then wander back out to sea, leaving in their wake hosts of reported monster sightings.

"Those cycwitnesses have not necessarily been mistaken or lying or drunk," Mr. Shine said. "But there ain't any dinosaurs here."

Mr. Shine, who fives and works in Drumnadrochit, near the loch, said a set of 14 papers to be published in the next edition of The Scottish Naturalist, a scientific journal, will outline new findings about Loch Ness made by researchers from institutions throughout Britain.

One survey, he said, estimated that the loch is relatively burren of fish: in all, it contains probably no more than 20 to 30 tons of lish.

Using a rule of thumb. Mr. Shine said, if there are predators who live by eating those fish, then the total weight of the predators should be no more than 10 percent of the total weight of the prey.

"So you're down to two or three tons," Mr. Shine said. That's half the weight of one good-sized whale shark."

Assuming that there would have to be at least 10 of the beasts to make a sustainable population, he said, each one would likely weigh no more than 400 to 500 pounds - not small, but ant quite monstrous.

A prehistoric plesiosaur - often thought of, inaccurately, as a water-dwelling dinosaur would have preferred much warmer waters, Mr. Shine said. A seagoing mammal presumably would have to surface to breathe often enough for positive identification.

In Mr. Shine's view, that leaves one likely solution, sturgeon, which live in the sea but come into fresh water to breed and spawn.

He said that from his reading of the local 19th-century press, tradition seemed to hold that there was a huge fish in Loch Ness, "At some point a departure took place between the local tradition of a huge fish and the new tradition of a prehistoric monster." he said. "I call it the media monster."

hosted by President Kim North Korea, she touched on the issue of sanctions again, this time against her own country. Alluding to U.S. restrictions on the sale of arms to Pakistan because of suspicions that it has a clandestine nuclear arms program. Miss Bhutto said, "It is not fair to cast doubts on Pakistan's intentions and to subject Pakistan to discriminatory treatment."

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Seine Expected to Overflow in Rouen

PARIS (Reuters) - The Seine river, swollen by floodwaters that devasiated regions upstream in northern and castern France, is expected to overflow its banks in the city of Rouen on Wednesday, local officials

Authorities in Rouen, northwest of Paris, said the river would rise above its alert level of 9 meters (about 30 feet) and water might reach nearby buildings at the end of the week.

Upstream in Paris, the level was again rising after the Seine cut off parts of the riverfront expressway last the weekend. Tourist boats halted services because only smaller vessels could pass safely under bridges. In Toulouse in southern France, meanwhile, forecasters issued an avalanche warning for the western slopes of the Pyrenees mountains, where a skier was killed by a snowslide on Sunday.

A ride on the Moscow Métro will cost 50 rubles (4 cents) beginning next month, up from 30 rubles, Itar-Tass said. (Reuters)

Delta Air Lines said it formed an advisory panel to strengthen its ties to business travelers. The 15 members of the council will be drawn from the carrier's frequent flyer program. (Rewers)

Balkan Airlines canceled more than half its flights Wednesday after some pilots refused to fly to protest cuts in bonus payments, the Bulgarian company said in Sofia. Flights to Madrid. London. Stockholm, Kuala Lumpur, Albens and Dubai were scrapped. (Reuters)

Quiet Passing of a Free-French Voice

By Barry James

Holmes stepped off an ocean liner in Britain and nite a minor role in history as one of the rare voices of freedom in occupied France during the darkest days of World War II. He joined the British Broadcasting Corporation's French Service. and for the next two years speke over the arranges to his countrymen under Nari occupation.

Mr. Holmes, who died recently at the age of \$1, was one of about a diven announcers whose voices brought a breath of hope to the French at a time when deliverance from Nazi domination during the darkest days of the war seemed like a remote possibility.

Defying the law, many listened clandestinely to the BBC, and particularly to the program on which Mr. Hoimes worked from 1942 to (944, a sightly 15-minute broad- laine.

cast called "The French Speak to The verse signaled to the Resisthe French." The programs were tance to open a campaign of sabodirected by Maurice Schumann, a tage and diversionary operations

journalist and spokesman for Gen-eral. Charles de Gaulle's Free-Interference & an Total en et al Charles de Gaulle's Free PARIS - In 1942, Pierre French Forces, headquartered in years ago next June. London.

Those old enough to remember can still recall the thrill of listening to the forhidden broadcasts, which retired BBC French Service anrunancer. He was for a short time a st. faded in and out as Germans tried colleague of Mr. Holmes, his senior to iam them.

They were "like a symbolic re-French forces in exile. union every night," said Celette Gerard Burns, a tecnager in Paris with leaflets addressed to those our morale. It was our link with the during the war. The BBC French-language

who listened to the BBC broad- free world." broadcasts had high military signifcasts, warning of dire punishment icance, because they included vital for this "criminal action." messages to the French Resistance "Consciously of not, in listening and propagating this propaganda, fashioned English gentleman. But fruit of the lewish-Communist alli-his roots were in France, the land of about arms drops, attacks and oth-er missions. The messages were in code, or consisted of lines of poerry

specific units. The message heralding the start of D-Day, for example, was a line of verse from the poet Paul Ver-

ance, you are committing a crime his mother, and he became a natu-against the fatherland," pro- ralized French citizen in the early that were prearranged signals for claimed one such leaflet." To wean people away from the

After the war, he returned to his London proadcasts, the occupation job as a hotelier on liner, and cruise authorities placed heavy emphasis on a light dict of home-produced ships, and retired in the early 1970s to the picture-book village of

The authorities flooded Paris

programs. Radio-Paris and Radio-diffusion Nationale competed for (25 miles) east of the southern city the French audience with variety of Avignon.

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ahead of the Allied landings in shows detective thrillers based on Normandy, which took place 50 the stories of Georges Simenon. German Says women's features, sports and cul-"Even we did not understand tural offenings. The German occuwhat we were reading out some of piers had a radimentary television the time," said Henri Korman, a service for hospitalized troops, and

German politician said on allowed favored Parisians to watch Wednesday that he could envision his Social Democratic Nevertheless, Mrs. Burns told Party cooperating with the by several years, before joining the The Associated Press, for two dark former Communist party, the Democratic Socialists. years it was the messages from London every night that "boosted

Manfred Stolpe, a Social Democrat and premier of Brandenburg state, said that the Party of Democratic So-Mr. Holmes, whose father was British, way born in Britain and cialism, the successor to the had the courtly manners of an old-East German Communist Party, was led by reformers.

Ex-Communists

Are Reformers,

But Mr. Stolpe was quickly condemned by Peter Hintze, party manager of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union.

Mr. Hintze said, "All democratic parties have in distance themselves from extremists on the far left and right."

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BOSTON - A long-awaited study provides the first conclusive Reuters proof that finding and removing BERLIN - A leading East precancerous growths can dramatically lower the risk of colon cancer. the nation's second-deadliest ma-

lignancy, researchers say. Hunting down these growths, known as polyps, has become a cornerstone of colon cancer prevention in recent years. But until

stantial evidence that it works. The new report found that re-

colon cancer by 90 percent. Colon cancer will strike 152,000

Americans this year, and 57,000 will die, according to the American Cancer Society. It is the seconddeadliest malignancy, after lung

Colon cancer starts with precancerous growths called adenomatous polyps. Various methods of looking for these growths have be- with physicians at six other U.S. ams for older Americans

The tests have been performed the New England Journal of Medi-on the commonsense belief that re- cine. moving the growths will prevent The study was conducted on

A Way to Cut Colon Cancer

the test of time."

"There has not, until now, been had at least one adenomatous pri-1,418 men and women who had evidence to support that," said Dr. Sidney J. Winawer, the study's yp removed between 1980 and 1990. They were given follow-up principal author. "We have provid- examinations, called colonoscoed evidence that now makes that pies, for an average of six years. belief a fact."

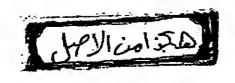
During that time, colon cancer The study is unlikely to change was discovered in five subjects. The medical practice, but it provides tumors were relatively small and reassuring evidence that doctors' had not produced any cancer symptoms. The researchers calcu-lated that if the polyps had not efforts to remove polyps are worth-"We have been waiting for this been removed, they would have found about 45 cancer cases during.

for a long, long time," commented Dr. Helen M. Shields of Boston's this period. Beth Israel Hospital. "We are final-The American Cancer Society ly supported by data that will stand recommends that doctors perform digital rectal exams on patients an-Dr. Winawer, a researcher at nually after age 40. For after age

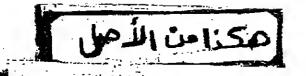
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer 50, it urges annual tests for blood in the feces, which can indicate cancer 50, it urges annual tests for blood in decadelong National Polyp Study or polyps. At this age, it also recommends examining the lower cocome routine parts of physical ex- hospitals. The results were pub- loa with a tube called a sigmoidoslished in the Thursday edition of cope every three to five years.

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STATESIDE / A COLLEGE'S 'PAINERS PRICE'

A Black Activist's Inflammatory Speech Leaves a Campus Sorely Divided

By Jon Nordheimer New York Times Service UNION, New Jersey — A student-spon-sored speech by a Nation of Islam minister that attacked whites, homosexuals and Jews in mocking and often cruel ways has ignited a bitter denate at Kean College a state school bitter debate at Kean College, a state school struggling to achieve racial diversity and multicultural scholarship.

The speech on campus last month has led to deepening tension between black and Jewish faculty members and an exchange of recrimina-fons between the college president. Elsa Go-mez, and the New Jersey chancellor for higher education. Edward D. Goldberg.

Some of the antagonists say the event has stripped away veneers of cordiality and ex-posed jealousies, resentments and the clashing perspectives inherent in American higher education's search for multicultural harmony.

"What is going on at Kean is not our problem alone and eventually must be faced by other colleges across America," said Ms. Gomez, who has denounced the speech but defended the speaker's right to express octions views. "We are paying the painful price of our commitment to diversity and the challenge to empower stodents, who often come from a disadvantaged hackground, to achieve their full potential."

Black and Hispanic students each make up 14 percent of Kean's student population of

12,000. Though the student body is only 1 percent Jewish, about 130 of 650 full-time or part-time teachers are Jews.

The dispute was ignited by the Nov. 29 appearance of Khalid Abdul Mohammed, a spokesman for Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam. Mr. Mohammed was paid \$2,650 from student funds for his talk.

Often affecting a Jewish accent or effeminate manarisms, he sprinkled phrases like "Colum-bia Jow-niversity" and "Jew York City" through a rambling three-hour talk billed as "The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews."

Before the speech, the Jewish Faculty and Staff Association handed out leaflets to people entering the theater, urging the "critical think-ing and evaluation that would normally be expected in a college community."

In his speech: Mr. Mohammed rebuked Jewish faculty members, saying, "The students chose this subject because they're catching so much hell here under you on the Kean College campus and in the surrounding Union area -a Jew stronghold."

Mr. Mohammed suggested that the victims of the Holocaust had brought it upon themselves. "They went in there to Germany," he said, "the way they do everywhere they go, and they supplanted, they usurped, they turned around and a German in his own country

With a handful of exceptions, the audience of across over the years." about 140 consisted of black students or black followers of the Nation of Islam, in response to College faculty and student exponents of Afrofollowers of the Nation of Islam. In response to

blacks gained political control in South Africa. they should give whites 24 bours to leave and then kill all those who remained.

"We kill the women," he said. "We kill the babies, we kill the bind. We kill the cripples. We kill them all. We kill the faggot. We kill the lesbian. When you get through killing them all, go to the goddann graveyard and dig up the grave and kill them a-goddann-gain because they didn't die hard enough."

In a tape of his remarks, laughter and ap-plause are heard after these exhortations.

Jay L. Spaulding, a history professor and an Africa specialist, was one of the few whites in the audience.

A week later, after the college administration had made no statement on the speaker or his remarks, Mr. Spaulding wrote a letter of protest to the board of trustees. He said be had attended because black students had assured him be would hear from "a true authentic source" another perspective on Kean's black studies program

Instead, he wrote, what he bebeld was "as competent a display of racist and sectarian

would almost have to go to a Jew to get money." stupidity as any other cultist garbage I have run campuses carries with it the obligation to sur-

a question. Mr. Mohammed said that when blacks gained political control in South Africa. they should give whites 24 bours to leave and

white conspiracy."

"patently racist ideas and opinions delivered in a campus setting."

Ms. Gomez, president of Kean College since 1989, said it took her and the trustees until Dec. 9 to respond to the speech because no tape was available sooper. At that point, she condemned Mr. Mohammed's remarks as "reprehensible" and "filled with verbal abuse and expressions of bate." Kean trustees were similarly critical.

Ms. Gomez made it clear, bowever, that she believed Mr. Mohammed had a right to free speech, however odious.

For his part, Mr. Goldberg considered 10 days ton slow in reacting to hate-mongering. "Our strong support for free speech on our

round hate speech with educational dialogue." he said. "Unfortunately, there was too little planning before the speech and too much silence after it.

Ms. Gomez replied angrily on Tuesday that the chancellor "has been anything but constructive and, in fact, has made it infinitely more difficult to address a number of long-standing issues at Kean College."

The ch ellenge at a multicultural campus that seeks "a halanced learning," she later ex-plained, was to insure that "young students thirsty for knowledge — both minority and majority — are able to discern between ideolog-ical rhetoric and genuine scholarship."

The president of the Jewish Faculty and Staff Association, Henry Kaplowitz, was sharply critical of how "multiculturalism" had evolved at Kean, however. In his view, "the Kean campus has become a hotbed of anti-Semilism in recent years."

As he saw it, some black faculty members "were brought in for diversity and once here eschewed diversity." "In their eyes," he said, "everything is predi-

cated on race and racism, but they deny they are racists because they say an oppressed mi-nority cannot be racists."

Black faculty members scoffed at that criticism. James Conyers, assistant director of the African Studies Program, asserted that Jewish

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service

tary of Labor Robert B. Reich and

We were in Portland on the eve

Clinton surprised Strobe and swore

him in himself." recalled an official

who was in the room al the time.

Then came this real my-God-

look-what's-become-of-us-boys

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very emotional, as if all of a sudden

Then the trio burst out laughing.

That sense of destiny and of tri-

umph made Mr. Talboit's nomina-

tion Tuesday as deputy secretary of

Despite having only eight

months of government service, the

man who is now supposed to be No. 2 in the State Department is

probably Mr. Clinton's most trust-

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weight of their responsibilities."

President Bill Clinton.

faculty members "will punish anyone who has a valid criticism of Jews

In an interview, he said Jews were part of "a white power structure on campus that operates in a covert fashion covered up hy the jargon of academia.

To his eye, promotions, grants and research leaves were routinely given to white faculty hut denied to black professors, and blacks were inhibited from freely expressing themselves in classrooms while whites suffered no similar restriction.

Mr. Kaplowitz expressed surprise at the notion of a white power structure. He noted that Ms. Gomez was Hispanic and two of five deans were black and two Hispanic. The president of the board of trustees, Lawrence J. Lochart, is black, as is one of the six other trustees. Patricia Weston Rivera. Both condemned Mr. Mohammed's remarks.

Mr. Kaplowitz and other white faculty members, non-Jews as well as Jews, expressed concern this week that Mr. Convers and other black faculty members who attended Mr. Mohammed's speech seemed unwilling to disassociate themselves unequivocally from his remarks.

Indeed, some of them were. Eleanor McKnight, head of the Black Personnel Association on campus, said she sat through the speech and found only Mr. Mohammed's "use of profanity" objectionable.

New No. 2 at State Department: The First Friend Moves Up * POLITICAL NOTES*

Court Strikes Down 'Recist Gerrymendering

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana -- Louisiana's congressional districts must be redrawn because they were made to gnarantee the election of two black representatives, a three-judge federal panel has ruled.

The panel did not invalidate the 1992 election, which gave the state two black congressmen for the first time since the Reconstruction period after the Civil War. But the ruling said the districts must be redrawn before the 1994 elections.

"We find the plan in general, and Louisiane's Congressional District 4 in particular, are the product of racial genymandering and are not narrowly tailored to further any compelling governmental interest," said the ruling, written by U.S. District Judge Jacques Wiener Jr. of Shreveport. State Attorney General Richard Leyoub's office issued a statement

appeal could go to a federal appeals court or the U.S. Supreme Court. saving it had not seen the decision and could not comment. An

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Louisiana redrew its districts in 1992. It had to eliminate one of its eight districts because census data showed Louisiana's population growth was not keeping pace with the rest of the nation. In redrawing the districts, state legislators anticipated pressure from federal courts to create a second black-majority district because of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which gives the U.S. Justice Department the final say in state districts.

About 600,000 of Louisiana's 2.2 million registered voters are black. To create a second black district, lawmakers had to draw together scattered pockets of black people.

The result was the 4th District, with an electorate that is 64 percent black. It zig-zags 600 miles through 28 of Louisiana's 64 parishes, or counties. _ (AP)

Tab for Health Care is Set to Top a Trillion

WASHINGTON - Health care spending in the United States will exceed \$1 trillion next year, according to the Commerce Depart-.

Health spending will rise \$118 billion, to \$1.06 inillion, and will account for a record 15 percent of the nation's total output of goods and services in 1994, the department said.

Commerce Department officials said they foresaw robust growth



and pots of tea for his workaholic roommate as he labored over a translation of Nikita S. Khru-WASHINGTON - Friends of shchev's memoirs. Strobe Talbou like to recall a mo-

And as Mr. Christopher's alter ego. Mr. Talbott is clearly well laced to move up yet again. But he is known for loyalty and discretion, and staunchly defends Mr. Christopher as an excellent -While the vice president, the and deeply misunderstood - sec-White House chief of staff and the retary of state. In accepting the national security adviser looked on nomination at a news conference in surprise, the 47-year-old former Tuesday in Los Angeles, he promised Mr. Christopher, "I will uv to two of his fellow Rhodes scholars

help you in any way that I can." Mr. Christopher, a lawyer who held the No. 2 job himself in the Carter administration, called Mr. Talboit "the best person for the

job," saying the choice reflected a desire "to have somebody of the president's generation" in the post. As the administration's chief Russia strategist, Mr. Talbott has demonstrated an astonishing ability to dominate the internal policy debates.

Even before he was confirmed. he firmly established the administration's strategy: a strong defense of Mr. Yeltsin as Russia's elected leader, even if he acted in undemocratic ways. Some critics dubbed it the "Yelisin only" approach.

Last fail, when Mr. Christopher was leaning toward offering early NATO membership to Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic. Mr. Talbott held long meetings. drafted memos and argued that a new military division of Europe

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for the industry even if Congress overhauls the health care system as President Bill Clinton has proposed.

Health spending will total \$942.5 billion this year and will rise 12.5 percent next year, the department said.

In recent months, the Labor Department has reported that the prices charged for medical goods and services appear to be rising more slowly than at any time in nearly two decades. But the volume of medical services and procedures continues to increase, the elderly population is growing, and the health care industry is continually introducing new medical technology.

As a result, the Commerce Department said, total health spending is rising as fast as ever. Indeed, a rise of 12.5 percent next year would be bigger than any increase in more than a decade. · (NYT)

A Tardy Clinton Watches Razorbacks Roll

FAYETTEVILLE Arkansas - President Clinton cheered the University of Arkanses basketball team to a lopsided victory after showing np late because of nasty weather. "Welcome Home Bill and Hillary," the scoreboard flashed as Mr.

Clinton shook hands with many in the crowd at the university's arena.

"I loved it." he said later in the winning locker room, where he was greeted by the Arkansas coach, Nolan Richardson, and players. The Razorbacks, the nation's top-ranked team, defeated Texas Southern, 129-63

During the game, the president received a round of applause when introduced to the crowd. He sat near center court, and also sat in the box of Don Tyson, the Arkansas chicken magnate.

With the airport at Fayetteville closed because of log. Mr. Clin-ton's plane from Little Rock had been diverted north to Rogers for a 25 mile ride by car to the Arkansas campus. Mr. Clinton got to the game nearly 45 minutes after it began - and with his homestate IAP) team up by nearly 30 points.

Quote/Unquote

"What do you all want to do?" President Clinton, on vacation, asked his old buddles in Little Rock.

"Let's go bowling," answered David Leopoulos. "You really want to do that?" Mr. Clinton said. "O.K. Let's go.

Away From Politics

· Massachuretts abolished a law that said spiritual healing was not a form of child neglect, an act that comes as national opposition to protecting the practice is mounting. The old law had said spiritual healing was not neglect when done according to the tenets of a recognized religion. Governor William Weld struck that down by signing a new law making child abuse a felony.

• The deep freeze communed with more frigid weather from the Midwest to the East, and a snowstorm added to the mix in the East. Record U.S. lows for the date Wednesday morning included minus 15 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 26 centigrade) in Burlington and Montpelier in Vermont, and minus 3 Fahrenheit (minus 19 centigrade) in Binghamton, New York. At least seven cold-related deaths have been reported since the weekend.

· California's second-largest health mainten ICE OTES Health Net, was ordered by a Superior Court jury to pay \$77 million in punitive damages to the family of a breast cancer victim who was denied coverage for a bone marrow transplant. The damage award was on top of \$12,1 million in compensatory damages the insurer was already ordered to pay by the same jury last week.

• A drive-through version of the journey to Bethlehem is offered by the First Bapist Church of Poway, California, near San Diego. It allows visitors to view from their cars eight scenes depicting events surrounding Jesus's birth. The scenes, in the church parking lot. include live donkeys and sheep.

• The Hubble Space Telescope will turn its camera toward the Orion nebula and other star clusters in the next two weeks, but the first pictures will only be tests. National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-tration astronomers said. The images will show NASA how well the telescope, repaired during a sharthe mission earlier this month. is weaking and then the turn to the turn of turn of the turn of turn of turn of the turn of working and will enable them to make more adjustments to the mirrora. NASA has promised to show the public the first clear picture of a distant star other celestial object to prove the telescope has been fixed.

Strobe Talbott at a news conference after his nomination as deputy secretary of state: Helping "in any way that I can."

Promoters Sue Jackson Over Canceled Tour

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Promoters of Michael Jackson's canceled world concert tour are suing him for more than \$20 million, contending that an addiction to morphine and other drugs had destroyed his ability to per-

Mr. Jackson bowed out of the tour Nov. 11 during its Mexico City leg, admitting an ad-diction to prescription painkillers. He sought treatment at an undisclosed location, apparently in Europe. Mama Concerts of Germany, Pebbles Mu-

sic Inc. of California and Marcel Avram, a

state court Tuesday, alleging that Mr. Jack-son was hooked on drugs long before the tour contract was signed and that he concealed his condition.

"Jackson was and/or is addicted to certain prescription and nonprescription drugs including morphine and Demerol" and was therefore unable to function in a normal manner" and rehearse or perform adequately, the suit said.

Mr. Jackson's doctors have not specified the medication he became addicted to. Mor-phine, which is highly addictive, is an opiate. No charges have been filed.

Munich promoter, filed suit in California Demerol is a synthetic narcotic painkiller. The superstar has said he became booked on painkillers he was given after scalp surgery required when his hair caught on fire during filming of a Pepsi commercial.

The suit charges breach of contract, fraud and misrepresentation. It seeks compensatory damages of more than \$20 million and unspecified punitive damages.

Mr. Jackson also faces a suit by a 13-yearold boy who accuses the singer of molesting him. He is also under criminal investigation.

icy adviser would both alarm and enrage Ruscertainly one of his closest friends. Does that make Mr. Talbolt a sia and Ukraine. His view pre-

> under fire from critics who question his optimistic analysis of Russia, which assumes that Moscow is committed to capitalism and democracy. He has also been faulted for failing to predict the strong showing of the nationalists in the

Michael R. Beschloss, the historian who wrote a book with Mr. Talbott on the last years of the Cold War, disagrees with this assessment, saying: "I think he's been tremendously effective. He's a very good strategic thinker with a large sense of history who is very good making his ideas clear in a way that sia at the Vancouver meeting, for making his ideas clear in a way that example, Mr. Clinton recalled how allows the public to understand he would prepare scrambled eggs them.

William L. Shirer, Wrote 'Rise and Fall of Third Reich,' Dies

By Herbert Mitgang New York Times Service NEW YORK --- William L. Shirer, a foreign correspondent and historian, died Tuesday in Boston where he had been treated for a

beart ailment. He was 89 years old. As a reporter in Paris, Berlin, Brussels, Amsterdam; Geneva, Rome, Vienna, the Balkans, the Middla East and India, he was frequently in the thick of things and occasionally made news himself. He was fluent in German, French

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and Italian. Whila covering the 1936 Olym-pics from Berlin, he was publicly condemned by Joseph Goebbels' propaganda ministry for exposing Nazi anti-Seraitism.

"All Jew baiting is officially off in Germany during the Olympics," he wrote, because Hitler meant to turn the Games into "a lage propa-ganda triumph." Mr. Shirer was accused of being a "German hater" and was threatened with expulsion.

In his later years, when he devoted himself to writing European his-

tory and his multivolume autobiog-rapby, "20th Century Journey: A Memoir of a Life and the Time," Mr. Shirer drew analogies between his past reporting experiences and present-day events.

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William L. Shirer was a journalist, broadcaster and historian.

Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" chronicled Nazi Germany for millions of readers. Mr. Shirer was also active in pro-

tecting the rights of writers. He served as president of the Authors Guild in the 1950s and remained an ex-officio member of its council

until his death. His popular 1960 history "The and got his first job in journalism 1932 cost him the sight in one eye.

He left for Europe in 1925, after village in Spain. graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Coe College in Cedar Rapids. He

worked his way across the Atlantic by pitching hay on a cattle ship. Instead of returning home to what he called the land of "Prohibition, fundamentalism, puritanism at that post until it was disbanded

and Coolidgeism," he went to work in 1937. on the copy desk of the Paris edi-tion of The Chicago Tribune. His colleagues there included James During those years, Mr. Shirer did occasional broadcasts for CBS Radio. In 1937, Edward R. Mur-Thurber and Elliot Paul. He took row, the chief of the network's forcourses in European history at the eign staff in London, invited him to College de France and, in 1927, open an office in Vienna to report became European correspondent on the Continent. Turning down of The Chicago Tribune. offers from American newspapers. Among the events he covered Mr. Shirer began a second career as

were Charles A. Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927. a broadcaster. At first, William S. Paley, who the League of Nations sessions in founded CBS, insisted that Mr. Geneva and international sports events. From 1929 to 1932, he Murrow and Mr. Shirer merely arrange for the broadcasts and use served in Vienna as chief of The newspaper correspondents to go on Chicago Tribune's Central Europethe air. As Mr. Shirer noted in his an bureau. His most challenging memoirs, Mr. Paley contended that years were still ahead of him. for us to do the reporting our-Roving around India and Afselves would be to commit our-selves editorially." Eventually the ghanistan in 1930 and 1931, he be-

gan a long association with Mohan-das K. Gandhi. "I spent much of network gave in, and the Murrowbroadcasts from London Shirer my time traveling up and down the land with him," he said. and the Continent made history. His observations of these tumul-

tuous times later resulted in two

N.Y. Police Can't Police Themselves, Panel Says

By Selwyn Raab New York Times Service

NEW YORK -In a barshly critical report, a special mayoral panel has asserted that the New York City Police Department has failed at every level to uproot corruption and has instead tolerated a culture that has fostered misconduct and has concealed lawlessness by police offi-The panel, called the Mollen Commission,

corruption was not systemic, but rather isolated to small groups of rogue officers. But the com-mission warned that if corruption itself was not systemwide, the department's failure to correct il was.

We find as shocking the incompetence and the inadequacies of the department to police itself," Milton Mollen, the commission chairman, said Tuesday as the panel released an

agreed with police officials who contend that interim report on its principal findings. After an 18-month inquiry, the commission recommended a dual approach to reforming the department.

It called for the creation of an independent oversight agency, patterned after itself, to scru-tinize the department's anti-corruption investigations and for a vast overhaul of internal programs for preventing and detecting miscon-

ry: The Journal of a Foreign Corre-Mr. Shirer's other books includ-

ed "End of a Berlin Diary" (1947). "The Western World Through Its Years of Conflict" (1952), "The Years of Conflict" (1952), Collapse of the Third Republic"

(1969). "Gandhi: A Memoir" (1980), three volumes of memoirs. lovels and books for juveniles. Meliton Kantaria, 74, one of the two Red Army soldiers who raised the Soviet flag over the battered Reichstag in Berlin on April 30. 1945, has died in Thilisi. Georgia. For millions, he symbolized the Soviet Union's World War II victory over the Nazis.



went to work as the European cor-respondent for The New York Herald Tribune. He moved to Berlin in 1935 as a correspondent for Universal News Service. He remained

In 1934, he returned to Paris and Spondent, 1934-1941," and his ma-

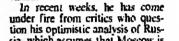
as a sports reporter for The Cedar He left The Chicago Tribune and books that served as warnings spent a year as a free-lancer in a about totalitarianism: "Berlin Dia-

Chrislopher assert, stressing the secretary's confidence in his own relationship with Mr. Clinton, which they say was nurtured last year when he served as head of the

presidential transition team. By contrast, bowever, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Talbott got to know each other 25 years ago as room-mates al Oxford, and they have maintained that friendship. In introducing Mr. Talbou to President Boris N. Yeltsin of Rus-

shadow secretary of state, or a threat to Warren M. Christopher's tenure in Foggy Bottom? Certainly not. aides to Mr.

Dec. 12 elections.



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Hosokawa's Honest Start

After five bruising months in office, Japan's new prime minister. Morihiro Hosokawa, has lost some of his sparkle. But it is too soon to count him out. Japanese hopes for more democratic, less corrupt and more consumer-orient-ed politics still ride on his shoulders. So do U.S. hopes for easier relations with its most important economic partner and chief Asian ally.

Mr. Hosokawa entered office with an ambitious reform agenda. He has had to come to terms with some formidable obstacles: his coalition government's thin parliamentary majority, strains between the coalition parties and the strength of Japan's powerful bureaucracy. The new government also has been constrained by the worst domestic recession in decades.

Mr. Hosokawa has resorted to some tactical compromises. He has stretched his timetable for key reforms. U.S. officials are already complaining about slow progress on trade issues. Yet he has racked up some notable achievements and is still drawing more than 60 percent support in opinion polls - nearly 10 times the personal popularity enjoyed by some of his Liberal Democratic Party predecessors. Largely at Washington's behest, he forced his coalition partners to accept an end to Japan's long-standing ban on rice impons. And through an adept mix of leadership and compromise, he has come close to enacting his top priority: electoral reform.

Legislation to reapportion districts more fairly and restrict the influence of private campaign contributions has passed the lower house of the legislature. But it awaits an uncertain fate in the upper house. Mr. Hosokawa will try to exploit opposition fears that he will dissolve parliament and call early elections to try to carry the measure through in the present legis-lative term. Should be succeed in passing the reforms, he may gain another year without elections, since parties will need time to organize themselves under new rules and in newly drawn districts. By the eno of 1994, there may be no going back to the old one-party system. Instead, various elements of the present governing coalition, which ranges improbably from socialist left to nationalist right, and from good-government reformers to back-room godfathers, are likely to contend for power.

Mr. Hosokawa's own group represents a more modern political style than any of its main competitors. The Japan it envisions is more democratic, internationalist but not militarist, and ready to put the interest of urban consumers ahead of protectionist producer hlocs. This Japan would be an ideal partner for the United States. The Hosokawa group is probably not strong enough to prevail on its own. But Mr. Hosokawa has shown in his brief tenure that he knows how to make pragmatic compromises while bolding firm to prin-ciples. It is an encouraging record, well beyond what anyone, Japanese or American, would have dared predict as recently as a year ago. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

When Old Jobs Are Lost

Tuberculosis Won't Wait

The U.S. government's traditional response to the problem of unemployment has been to pump up the economy, help provide some benefits and wait for workers to find reemployment mostly on their own. The Clinton administration thinks that in the present world economy that is not enough. The president's people worry that more and more U.S. workers are being permanently laid off, mean-ing that their old jubs are lost for good to foreign competition or technological or policy change, and they have to seek entirely oew ones. Partly because of these structural trends and partly for other reasons, Labor Department officials also observe that more and more workers are remaining unemployed for more than six months. The nature of the problem has changed, they say, and the gov-

emment's response must change as well. The president is expected to introduce a "reemployment" or "work force security" bill next year. Most of the likely recommendations make good sense. They do so almost independently of the elaborate rationale the administration has constructed for them - the view that unemployment now is somehow different from in the past, which not everyone fully accepts, Some of the sensible steps have been proposed before. The government now runs six mostly small retraining programs for workers who lose their jobs to one or another structural cause. There is trade adjustment assistance, defense conversion assistance, assistance to eastern coal nuners who lose their jobs to the Clean Air Act and so on. The administration would consoli-date these legislative and historical artifacts

into a single retraining program for all perma-nently laid-off workers who qualified. It would try to improve the quality of assistance to the unemployed by creating a nationwide information network and a system of one-stop offices across the country in which an applicant could receive all the forms of available aid.

It would aim to identify earlier those workers unlikely to get their old jobs back and speed their move to other employment, which would reduce henefit costs. The government might share the savings with workers who returned to work before their insurance expired; it might share costs with people who accepted temporary part-time work as well. The bill will likely seek to improve the existing system for paying benefits to those in higherunemployment states who exhaust their basie 26 weeks of insurance, It will also seek to expand training programs to help the struc-turally unemployed go back to school.

It is hard to quarrel with much of that, assuming that the budget rules will not be broken. The goal of helping U.S. workers adapt in the face of changing economic circumstances that they canoot bope to resist is a legitimate function of government. There has always been a lot of "permanent job loss" io the large U.S. economy. It has been accompa-nied and offset by growth. The administration contends the adjustment process is tougher now than in the past; that may or may oot be true. The government still should do all it usefully can to ease the process. That seems to be what the president is proposing.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



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A Currency Cure for Eastern Europe

ible store of property values.

issues. (The reserve can be built up in a

number of ways, including loans from

the International Monetary Fund with

The board earns a profit because

powers, and no power to act as a

natural resources as collateral.)

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WASHINGTON — The big trade agreements of the past few months have prompted rejoicing in the United States, Latin America, Western Europe and Asia. But they will be of little value to the lormer Soviet republics and Eastern Europe. where the growing economic dispari-ty with the rest of the world will sow the seeds of enormous regional vioence unless corrected soon.

The key to the economic plight of these nations is all too easy to over-look: the terrible instability of their currencies and the great difficulty of converting them to other currencies. Yet if the United States and the rest of the world ignore the currency problems of the old Soviet bloc, they will be repeating the very mistakes that led to World War II — and forgetting the lessons of the late 1940s, which not only corrected these mistakes but laid the basis lor a world

trading system and for the collapse of every East European country. the Soviet empire, A currency board is simply a mone-tary authority that links the money it What were these mistakes and les-

sons? Apart from the wrongheaded Smoot-Hawley tariff of 1930, the major mistake was to pull the financial plug on Germany in the 1920s, leav-ing it unable to establish sound money and trade with its neighbors. And it was the genius of the Mar-

shall Plan to help re-establish all of Western Europe as an economic trad-ing bloc after the war, so that every-one, winners and losers alike, could rebuild and prosper. The key to the Marshall Plan's suc-

cess was not foreign aid itself but the establishment of the European Payments Union, which guaranteed that currencies could be freely converted throughout Western Europe so that countries could attract outside private capital and grow through ex-panded trade with their neighbors. But today there is no reliable or

predictable currency convertibility and therefore no equivalent opportu-nity for investment, trade and growth in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, no matter how much foreign aid is pumped in. This means economic decline and

soaring inflation throughout the region --- conditions that closely resem-ble Germany's between the wars.

sumed a level of sophistication in currency operations in Western Europe that simply does not exist in the East. So a simpler, more error-proof

a currency board in northern Russia in 1918, in the middle of World War I and the Russian Revolution. It functioned very well for two years until the Bolsheviks tore it down. Among modern currency boards,

Hong Kong's is the most famous, and

opportunities for investment, trade and growth.

its dollar-backed currency is provid-ing much of the stability behind for a stable, transferable and convert-The best way to do this - and to emulate the best of the Marshall Plan South China's current economic miracle. Similar growth is happening in Argentina, for similar reasons. - is to establish currency boards in

A more pertinent case is Estonia

Like Argentina, it has the substantial equivalent of a currency board. Both nations follow closely the adissues to a reserve of hard currency, like the U.S. dollar, by means of a fixed exchange rate and 100 percent backing for the notes and coins it vice given by Steve Hanke, the Johns Hopkins University economics pro-fessor. He has also provided advice on Lithuania, which is seeking IMF and World Bank help to copy the Estonian experience.

What is most urgently needed is for a Western banking consortium to set up currency boards in Ukraine, assets (reserves) earn interest and liabilities (notes and coins) pay whose 52 million people are saddled with inflation of almost 100 percent none. A currency board system is per month, and in other republics of automatic, like a gold standard. It has the former Soviet Union. no discretionary monetary or fiscal

As the recent Russian elections lender of last resort. Since the establishment of the first made all too plain, economic insta-bility can lead to political instabilcurrency board (in Mauritius, in 1849), there have been more than 70 iry. Who would want to promote such a risk in countries that still around the world, All have delivered have nuclear arsenals?

sound money even during civil wars. The key to their success is their simplicity and foolproof nature. The The writer, a lawyer, was counsel to President George Bush. He contributed this comment to The New York Times. Marshall Plan's payments union as-

Social Management: Battlefield for '94

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON - The Year of Trade gives way to the Year of Social Management. Debates in America, Europe and Japan about the late and financial viability of welfare capitalism should dominate 1994. With the NAFTA and GATT

agreements in place, the Clinton administration and Congress turn to devising a new health care system for America. The real battle will be over the philosophy of governance and ine philosophy or governance and national resources, not prescription fees and choice of physicians. In Europe and Japan, memploy-ment, rather than health care, is the arena for fundamental debate about

government's obligations and capa-bilities. A recent editorial in The Financial Times points to the core is-sues of each debate: "The Atlantic nations in general

and Europe in particular face competition from the younger, harsher, more robust capitalism of South Asia. If welfare capitalism is to be sustained, its managers must find new means of controlling its cost and minimizing the cost to employers. Radical policies, centered around the notion of giving the poor a hand-up rather than a handout, must be pursued." The point is not that handouts are bad. That is accepted wisdom, en-

trenched during the Reagan-Thatch-er years. What is interesting is the editorial's insistence that government has a role in providing a hand-up. This is not an obvious sentiment for a London newspaper dedicated to cov-ering the world's financial markets.

Government spending channeled through "new structures that provide accountability, transparency, choice and genuine care for those who cannot manage for themselves" should have a higher priority than reducing government spending in the abstract, the editorial suggests. President Bill Clin-ton could comfortably adopt that language for his health care argument. With the U.S. economic recovery

beginning to pick up steam, it is time to recognize that deficit reduction is not the overwhelming priority it seemed a year ago. What matters is not how much government spends, but how well it spends and on what. If the bealth care debate brings ac-ceptance of the idea that intelligent spending on public health and public infrastructure can contribute signifi-cantly to American competitiveness

will be a debate worth having. Old liberal ideas that spending can solve problems by itself, and conservative dogma that government spending is always wasteful, are both outdated. The need for new productive public infrastructure investment in America was hammered home with characteristic verve by the Wall Street investment

banker Felix Roharyn in an absorbing speech Nov. 30 at Harvard.

Mr. Robatyn cites structural un-employment — the creation of a large shee of permanently unemployed or underemployed workers as industries and companies downsize of die - as "the biggest economic and social challenge now lacing the West." America needs to launch "a large-

scale public works program. federally financed and supplementing state and local programs," he said. A \$250 billion 10-year program concentrated on high-speed rail, mass transit, airport construction and other projects would create 1 million new jobs a year and spark a wide conversion of defense industries, Mr. Robatyn asserts.

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His crucial suggestion - the one that separates his proposal from nos-talgia for the Works Progress Administration of Depression days - is that "the financing for such a program could be separated from the federal budget, with special issues of infra-structure bonds, secured by modest increases in gasoline taxes or other recurring revenues." The bonds could be paid off in 30 years and made available to private and public pension funds, which now control 53 trillion. The Rohatyn proposal implicitly recognizes that part of the deficit problem is an accounting problem. Government investment is treated as government consumption. It is all red (. ink, with no returns on investment calculated. Point two about the Rohatyn idea: The end of the Cold War makes federal control of airports and national transportation less vital and private sector participation in these projects more feasible.

But it is the international economic context that creates the need for a dramatic rethinking of the patterns of public and private investment flows. Mr. Rohatyn fixes America's economic needs squarely in that context. No major "Western country is ca-pable of being the locomotive to generate sufficient economic growth" to cure its own structural memploy-ment now, "It is questionable that any one region is capable of doing so," he says starkly, "For the first time in modern histo-

ry, the locomotive for the West must come from new growth in the rest of the world" and particularly from Asia and Latin America. "The future of our economy is organically, and perma-nently, hed to the developing world." This is the focus to come, bit on separately by the London editorialist and the Wall Street financier: New and intelligently designed public in-vestment is needed to square the demands of social justice, economic growth at home and global competitiveness that is being reshaped by the robust capitalism coming out of Asia. Out of fashion in the Reagan and Bush years, Social Management will be the issue of 1994 - and beyond. The Washington Post.

Is a Great Hong Kong Bust Just Around the Corner? .

By Philip Bowring

the new airport - and consumption, There are some fundamental strengths, notably the fiscal reserves and those of the monetary authorities. But the situation bears a close resemblance to 1982. Then, easy money oiled a lack of concern about political problems, until one day the markets inultaneously woke up to political hazards and the consequences of mon-etary irresponsibility. The result: stock, property and banking collapses, and a run on the currency. History never quite repeats itself. The losers from any crash oow would be mostly non-Hong Kong people. Hoog Kongers themselves might actually benefit, at the expense of the property developers. But just what this would do to the relationship with China is hard to fathom. One problem could be them Hong Kong currency. While it may have been undervalued in the past, how well could it sustain capital outflow and a stronger U.S. dollar? What would real interest of plus 6 percent, not minus 6 percent, do to the bubble? What price then a strong currency, rather than a perpetually devalued yuan? Hong Kong, like China, has become hooked on easy money. The Chinese-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong is supposed to ensure that Hong Kong keeps its own currency and monetary independence. Its businessmen have shown they care little about the declaration's other promises regarding an elected legislaure and "autonomy" for Hong Kong, But what happens if the currency, or its peg to a foreign currency, be-

property values that are in turn essen-tial to a market economy, if not also to democracy itself. They are largely missing in the former Soviet bloc. Even without them, Eastern Europe could obtain much of their benefit by looking to their currencies as the basis The lack of reliable currency convertibility reduces

By C. Boyden Gray These are all legal developments that took a thousand years to mature and are essential to the preservation of mechanism is necessary. John Maynard Keynes established

and malaria with the other well-known infectious diseases, and they still would not match the number of adults who reportedly die each year from tuberculosis. Left unchecked, TB will take 30 million lives over the next decade. Yer when it comes to worldwide funding for infectious diseases. TB - which desuroys the most - receives the least,

Earlier in the year, the World Health Organization asked the United States to join a modest international effort to fight TB's spread in the developing world. The U.S. share of the tab: \$3 million. Lass week, the health office in the \$6.5 billion U.S. Agency for International Development, citing the budget environment, said no. That decision should be reconsidered.

TB is "the world's must neglected health crisis," according to WHO It is hard to quarrel with that judgment, given the respective death rates, funding levels and the cost effectiveness of meatments applied to the major infectious discuses. TB kills an estimated 3 million people each year. Most of the dying occurs in the Third World, largely out of sight and perhaps out of mind. The irony, however, is that people everywhere, including everyone in the industrialized world, should be worried about this Forget that business everyone learned in the 1950s about TB having been wined out. That was then, it's back.

Public health statistics in such cities as Atlanta, New York, Newark, Miama, San Francisco, Housien and Washington tell the story of TB's return. An estimated 15 million people in this country are infected. Add the old contribuung environmental factors of crowded, unsanitary conditions to the new ones - HIV infections, drug abuse, homelessness -- and the mystery lifts. TB is also on the move across Europe. That is because people are on the move everywhere. The TB emergency is global. The difference is that most industrialized nations have the capacity to eradicate the disease. A hipartisan group of senators led by Frank

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on behalf of WHO's AID request. This will not be the easiest application to bonor given the prospect of a 40 percent cut in AID's global health budget. Besides, say AID staff. TB already benefits from other AID programs, includin ig a \$35 million grant to the WHO's AIDS-HIV program. That, however, does not change the fact that a \$3 million U.S. contribution, added to funds from other well-off pations, will help save many lives in the develop-

ing world. It's a vital cure and a cheap one. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

UAL's Flight Into the Unknown

In practice, employee ownership has not always worked so well. Famous successes in-cluded John Lewis, a British retailer, and Avis-But the record of the many hundreds of American firms that employees have bought through leveraged buyouts is mixed. At United Autimes. the post-acquisition glow may wear off [quick-[v] The unions have made it clear that they will disrupt the arline if the sale falls through. Sell as the company, the unions are saying, or we will close you down. Some bluff is undoubtedly involved, but existing shareholders will proba-

by prove reluctant to call it. This is not the best beginning for a brave venture en industrial relations. The new UAL would not be a workers' cooperative: The unions would have only two directors on the board. But a worker-owned firm is unlikely to appoint a chief executive as autocratic as, say. Bob Crandall, the boss of American Airtines. It is tikely to be good at long-termism, had at short-term surgery that costs jobs. Most successful businesses require both. Only if the worker-owners accept that fact will this flight into the unknown end happily.

- The Economist (London)

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communities in their native areas. sert slums of shannes and ragged tents around Beersheha, because Israel has never provided the necessary finances to develop the town-Jewish communities in the Negev ships. The last 1 percent of the Bedouins still in the central Negev are fighting expulsion. Since August, they have mainment's own surveys show.

opposite Prime Minuster Yitzhak Rabin's office in Jerusalem, but Mr. Rabin and his ministers have 1g-

HONG KONG - If the world were fair, when the Asian stock What can be done? As the Marmarket bubbles burst they would bring down with them all the investshall Plan showed us, currency conment bankers, fund managers and vertibility is essential to outside pribangers-on who get up-front fees and absurdly inflated bonuses for vate investment and expanded trade. It requires special attention because mismanaging other people's money. But the world, as we well know, is there are so many pressures to look the other way. In the short term, the West not fair. So the downside will be lacks the incentive to correct the situaborne by the usual suckers.

tion: Private financial institutions find it too easy to make short-term curren-In the case of Hong Kong, the implosion could be more than just a cy profits out of the chaos. The countries themselves have no repetition of such busts as those inshort-term incentives, either: Clampvolving Tokyo stocks or property in London. Just when it needs common sense and cool oerves, Hong Kong is ing down on inflation means denying them the joys of a discretionary fiscal policy - especially deficit financing being carried away on a wave that (used now primarily to keep the old makes great surfing but is destined to break on rocks, not sand.

state-owned enterprises afloat]. Yet witbout stable currencies This is largely not its fault, however. The colony's doubts about the future throughout Eastern Europe, privati-zation is certain to be a failure. We in have been swept aside by a tidal wave the West take for granted the legal institutions that make privatization of outside money: mainland Chinese money, much of ill-gotten wealth from possible --- the rule of law, the enthe "privatization with Chinese characteristics" by which public assets be-come cadre property; U.S. institutionforceability of contracts and the inde-

al money that has recently discovered Asia; and, most recently, Japanese institutional money desperate for any home other than the Tokyo market.

All this is making Hong Kong into a classic bubble economy in which the financial sector assumes a life all of its own, divorced from the real economy. It has taken the Hang Seng Stock

The winners from any crash might be Hong Kongers themselves.

Index from 3,000 at the end of 1990 to well over 11,000 today. Residential property is selling for \$7,500 a square meter, far outstripping affordability. It is not just local political concerus that have been brushed aside. nor the fallout from inflation and political uncertainty in China. So, too, have economic realities.

All They Want Is a Tent and 40 Paces

By Clinton Bailey

will bring them happiness and ease. If other arguments fail, the govern-

ment trots out the sacred cow; The

army needs the land for training.

The cynicism is clear. No

114 villages and towns?

asks whether Hasidic Jews are

ERUSALEM - Is it possible? J The same Israeli government that recognized the Palestine Liberanored them. The government pre-sents the expulsions as benevolent. The Beduuns, it says, must be tion Organization and will make peace with Yasser Arafat is waging a kind of war against Bedouin tribes, expelling them from the Negev de-sert. No bullets have been fired. But brought into the 21st century. there is a discriminatory policy de-signed to get all the Bedouins off the townships, the argument goes, they will have access to proper schools land. It goes back 40 years, when the and medical care. Dwelling in tents is uncomfortable; life under a roof

pendence of the judiciary.

new state sought uncontested control over the Negev. The government expropriated the land and began settling it with Israeli Jews while evicting Israeli Bedouins, who had lived there for centuries. According to Israeli law, Bedouins, who traditionally had oral agreements about property rights but no written deeds to their tribal grounds or individual plots, are squatters. Over the years, 99 percent of the Bedouins have been driven off their lands, and their goats, their main livelihood, have been confiscated. Some Bedouins were moved into seven new townships in the northern Negev in which the government planned to settle them all. But most never got beyond the sprawling de-

tained a protest tent on a hillock

ems, a tent is where "men get togeth-er and guests know no want." It signifies latitude and freedom. It is more than what is covered by a roof; it is by tradition the area all around -40 paces on each side. It is a place of shetter and hospitality open to all, not a house hidden behind a door. If they are concentrated in the The desert is familiar to every Bedouin child, and its hills and wa-dis, or dry riverbeds, are replete

with cultural significance. Bedouins know how to survive there, and leed their families from their livestock and the wheat they grow. Deprived of this, many in the townships are unemployed, and some have become dependent on welfare and turned to drugs.

ready for the 21st century, so wby ask it about Bedouins? Jewish com-In the Bible, the Bedouin's black munities are not told to make way tent is the revered dwelling of Abra-ham and Jacob. If it was good for the army, so why are Bedouins? And why must 80,000 Bedouins. enough for them, it needn't be reused to wide-open spaces, be limitpugnant to Israel's Housing Minised to seven townships, when the 280,000 Jews in the Negev live in try, which leads the campaign to bar tents from the Negev. Or al-most: the Tourism Ministry main-Many Bedouins have agreed to tains Bedouin-style tents where forsettle in towns, but they are asking eign tonrists can stay overnight. for smaller, more homogeneous Many Bedouins serve in the Is-

raeli Army. Among the 1 percent hoping to be allowed to stay in the central Negev are men who fought in the 1967 and 1973 wars. Couldn't education and bealth care be provided in smaller settlements, as they are to the far-flung

If the government can make peace Official neglect bas left couca-tion and health in the townships with longtime enemies, it can certainly treat longtime friends better, below israeli standards, the govern-

The writer, an Israeli anthropolo-The issue goes beyond fair treatgist, is author of "Bedauin Poetry Fram Sinui and the Negev: Mirror of ment. The nomadic life has been celebrated in the Bedouin culture lor u Culture." He contributed this comthousands of years. In Bedouin po- ment to The New York Times.

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Few countries would be regarded as "successful" after years of double-dig-it inflation in which the bard-carned savings of a naturally thrifty people were croded at an annual rate of 5 percent to 7 percent. Meantime, who are the beneficiaries? The property developers and a banking sector that has been allowed to operate an extraordinarily lucrative cartel despite a 20-year track record of failures that have cost the public huge sums. The reality of Hong Kong is that.

contrary to the image its business leaders like to promote, share ownership is a minority activity. Private saviogs, meanwhile, are quickly croded. This may have been an inevitable to an ever weakening U.S. dollar. But the cost of the "stability" has been high. To maintain the peg in the lace of capital flow has increased the monetary base and encouraged further loan growth, despite attempts by the government and some banks to keep a lid on it. Many manufacturing industries

have shifted to China in recent years. The beneficiaries have been owners of those industries, and Hong Kong's professional and managerial class that services them. Workers wages have lagged well behind per capita GDP growth — quite the opposite of what happened in Taiwan and South Korea, where national income gains tend-ed to improve income distribution.

GDP growth is running at 5 per-cent. But it is increasingly driven by financial and related services, with some help from China re-export trade. Private investment is weak; domestic exports are slipping. Demand stimulus is coming from public construction —

comes similarly "inconvenient" to Beijing for whatever reason? Then, again, maybe it would be better not to envision such a fantasy.

International Herald Tribune

1893: Gladstone Is 84

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LONDON - Mr. Gladstone completed his eighty-fourth year yester-day [Dec. 29]. The Premier rose at his usual hour and was in excellent health. His mail bag was an exceptionally heavy one, and telegraph messengers succeeded each other with bewildering rapidity in their journeys to Mr. Gladstone's house. Among those who sent their congratulations were the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Premier attended to his voluminous correspondence after breakfast, and met his colleagues at noon in the Council Chamber, when he was profoundly affected by the warmth with which be was greeted.

1918: The Seine Rises

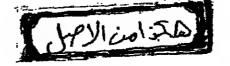
PARIS - The rise in the Seine continues. At the Austerlitz bridge, the water yesterday [Dec. 30] had reached the 3m. 36cm. mark, showing a rise of 32cm, in twenty-four hours.

The quays at Bercy. La Tournelle, the Hôtel de Ville and Javel are under water. It is thought at the Navigation Service that the rise has almost at-tained its maximum. Nevertheless the employment of measures to prevent the flooding of Paris is considered in order to avoid the dangers which the 1910 inundation caused in the city.

1943: Berlin Bombed

LONDON - [From our New York edition:] Royal Air Force bombers attacked Berlin last night [Dec. 30] for the eighth time in a six-week period, it was announced today by London. The German radio report of the raid said: "The sky was covered with a thick layer of clouds and British planes dropped explosives and incen- (diary bombs on thickly populated residential districts." The reference to "residential districts" would indicate that the British, following their plan for the systematic destruction of Berlin, bombed one of the city's industrial suburban areas.

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By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON - David Brock the conservative writer, was so upset by what he saw as the unfair charges brought by Anita Hill against Clarence Thomas that he wrote a whole book aimed at trying to discredit Ms. Hill and everything she said. After all, said Mr. Brock, liberals were prepared to do everything in their power to defeat Judge Thomas. You couldn't, he insisted, accept these charges at face value."

This is the same David Brock who has produced an 11,000-word article on President Bill Clinton's sex life as gover-

I'm talking about the ideological conservatives who would have forgiven Ronald Reagan anything.

nor of Arkansas. In his piece in the American Spectator magazine, the tough-minded, skeptical Mr. Brock has disappeared. For page after page, Mr. Brock simply repeats verbatim charges and dirty stories offered by two named and two unnamed Arkansas state troopers, the slimier and more prurient the better. What he claims as fact elides easily into gossip. And yet Mr. Brock has the nerve to dress up his piece with phony academic phrases — "there is a larger point in the case of Chinton" and he even includes foomotes.

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The next time my conservative friends criticize the "irresponsible liberal media" or talk about "the decline of civility in American life," I'll just give them a copy of the Brock article. For years, conservatives have had great fun attack-ing "liberal hypocrisy," and at least some of the time, I thought they had a point. But with the rise of Mr. Clinton, conservatives seem quite willing to abandon principles they held to be sacrosanct when they were in power.

Gone is all the conservative talk about the need to "respect the presidency," the . concern about "ruining people's lives" with unfair charges. Whenever liberals . criticized Ronald Reagan, conservatives railed against them as "elitists" who could not accept election returns showiog conservatism to be the doctrine preferred by the people. Now, many conservatives show rather less defer-

ence to the democratic process. The question raised by these charges is: Why do conservatives hate Bill Climion so? If you listen to conservatives a lot, you routinely hear ugly and salacious jokes about the president and first lady and talk suggesting this president is the most evil, dishonest, scheming character ever to live in the White House. The treatment of Mr. Clinton by conservatives is actually much more like the treatment of Richard Nixon by liberals. Something special is going on here.

Fot starters, let us exempt two groups whose dislike for Mr. Clinton is rooted in something other than politics. Vietnam veterans served their country in an minocuterais serven their country in an impopular war and got treated very shabbily when they got home. A lot of young men — including the president — escaped service in that war. Some in their ranks won't forgive Mr. Clinton, and who can really blame them? Then there are people after with de

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and who can really dame incm: Then, there are people who really do object to having as president someone who effectively acknowledged cheating on his wife. These Americans genuinely want a president to exemplify certain warture. They will never like him virtues. They will never like him.

The group I am talking about is dif-ferent: ideological conservatives who would have forgiven Mr. Reagan anything. They are willing to go to great lengths to bring Mr. Clinton down be-cause they see in him a threat they never saw in Jimmy Carter or Walter Mondale or Michael Dukakis. In their bones, ideological conservatives know Mr. Clinton is the toughest adversary they have faced in a long time. He is trying to alter, the country's political landscape and its assumptions about government. And he is actually doing it. Take just three issues. Conservatives

spent years arguing that the key to prosperity was cutting "high marginal tax rates," i.e., lowering taxes on the rich. Yet when Mr. Clinton proposed raising taxes on the rich, few conservatives were willing to defend outright the interests of the wealthy. They had to pretend that Mr. Clinton's tax increase was going to hit everyone hard, which it did not. The new taxes on the wealthy passed. So far. the economy is improving anyway. Conservatives have successfully beat-

en back proposals for universal health coverage since the days of Harry Tru-

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man. All they had to do was yell "socialized medicine" and the American Medical Association took care of the rest. But suddenly the assumptions on bealth care have changed. The country really is sympathetic to action. Smart conservative strategists such as William Kristol concede up front that if universal coverage is approved, the middle class will never allow it to be repealed, just as it has never allowed Social Security or Medi-

care to be wiped off the books. Finally, Mr. Clinton has simply not allowed conservatives to have a monopoly on issues such as crime and welfare. Whenever the chips were down, the right could always attack Democrats for being "soft on criminals" and "against

work." They can't get away with that anymore. No one gives tougher speeches on crime, the value of work or the dangers of family breakup than Mr. Clinton. The voters have noticed.

It would be nice, of course, if some of the many bonorable conservatives out there (Jack Kemp, Vin Weber, Henry Hyde come to mind) lectured their own side on the value of civility and suggested that beating Mr. Clinton on the merits would be far better than spreading sleazy stories about him. But politics being what it is, a few lectures will not do much good. So Mr. Clinton will face

a paradox - the more successful he is, the more bitter conservatives will get and the harsher the attacks will become.

Which simply means that Mr. Clinton will not be cut any slack. He cannot mishandle or finesse the Arkansas bank deal now much in the news. Until recently, the White House has tried to stonewall the story, which Mr. Nixon can tell you is a lousy approach. He can't mess up on little things, such as that upscale haircut. He will be called to account for any departure from the high ethical standards be proclaimed for his White House.

Hardest of all. Mr. Clinton cannot even complain publicly that all this is unfair. That will be beld against him. ton. Mr. Clinton, who prides himself on having a great many friends, will just have to live with a great many enemies. The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

tance of the movie. Hollywood was long

overdue to produce a big-budget com-mercial film that can actually be considered a credit to both history and human-

ity. Mr. Spielberg has bravely done this. He should be lauded for his candid and painful portrayal of the Holocaust,

ERIC SEAN GOLDSTEIN, Oxford, England.

The Drug Wave Rolls On

Regarding "Giving In Won't Make Drugs Go Away" (Opinion, Dec. 11):

A. M. Rosenthal writes that "the drug war is not won but it has paid off." Implicit in this statement is a judgment that current policies are satisfactory, that the "way out" is to continue.

Bul where are we beaded? Since Presi-dent John Kennedy convened the first ly blackmailing the Academy into giving him the best picture or best director award fail to see the point and the impor-more than 30 years ago, the problem has

only worsened. If the best that can be said produced one meaningful result: at the is that the level of abuse has stabilized, we same time, the drug war, the overcrowded prisons and the medical care of addicts cost taxpayers huge amounts of money. In addition, drug money has given its barons, their rings and the DAMIEN BROWN. underworld enormous powers and lever-

age to continue their lethal business. While I am often in agreement with not survive careful scrutiny. He should go back and study the Prohibition era. Dr. Mr. Rosenthal, this time I find myself in opposition with his head-in-the-sand approach to a growing plague. I congratu-late Dr. Joycelyn Elders's suggestion that Elders's idea should be tested seriously. a new study be made of the legalization of drugs. Indeed, it is unfair to nitack her ability to be U.S. surgeon-general be-cause she had the guts to come out with a **Biblical Life Control** courageous and wise proposal on a delicate subject, and in contradiction to a on the issue of abortion, I would like to counter: "Thou shall not kill." large oumber of groups and personalities.

Mr. Rosenthal must be aware that all

On Second Thought, Bozo, Just Call Me Mr. Buckley

By William F. Buckley Jr.

N EW YORK — Some years ago I however oblique, would bring her out wrote a column ("Just Call Me of her happy fantasyland to a crash of her happy fantasyland to a crash landing with stuffy old men. But it happens now not episodically,

Bill"t in which I reproached myself for excessive formality. My babits were formed by Southern parents who inbut regularly. Ordering parts for a computer. I was in the hands of a saleslady who wrote down my surname. my adclined to Southern ways, and when my program "Firing Line" was launched, I reacted sharply against what I thought dress and phone number, and then said. was the presumptuous informality of Edward R. Murrow, who in his famous What is your first name, so [1] know who to ask for?" This time I was made of sterner stuff, so I replied: "Just ask for

MEANWHILE

interviews called everybody, with maybe the exception of the Duke of Windsor and his Duchess, hy their first name. Accordingly, we use "Mr." on "Firing Line," and "Miss" or "Mrs." My reflections on the matter, at age

50, were to the effect that seniority likes to be acknowledged at that point in life when seniority seeks out deference. A 25-year-old is pleased to be called "Mr." by a 15-year-old. But as time goes by, the age differential becomes something that the older person is happy to ignore. So that the 40-year-old who addresses the 50-year-old as "Mr." runs the risk of calling attention to a relative venerability that the older person by no means wishes to acknowledge, let alone advertise.

But the clock bas moved so rapidly on the matter that much of the younger generation is apparently appalled at any prospect of using the more formal mode of address. A receptionist, some months ago when I appeared for an appointment with her employer, nodded happily to the sofa and said, "Just

take a seat there. William." I was sjunned. I might have replied. "I am Mr, Buckley, not Mr, William." But the freckled girl bad such a sunny countenance I felt that any rebuke.

His arguments are weak, and would

To Frances Tyson's letter of Dec. 23

DAVID HODARA.

Geneva.

But against the aggressor last week, i waged total war. It was a telephone conversation, and the saleslady, having taken down the data she needed, said, "And what can we do for you William?" I found myself saying. "Have we met?" She didn't quite know how to answer this, so I moved to the kill: "If not, why don't vou call me Mr. Bucklev?" "O.K.," she said, but there was huff in her voice. I am sure she went home later and told her friends about the odd fellow,

Mr. Buckley, I am the only Mr. Buckley who lives at that residence." I am not

absolutely sure she got the point.

Maybe she wrote a column about it. I hope I wasn't talking to Miss Landers. It is odd, the first-name-on-sight compulsion. It has never tempted me,

though I am far removed from my father's habits: He never called his very closest friend by his last name.

The metamorphosis goes on with ap-parent ineluctability, Evelyn Waugh said that he understood formality and understood intimacy, but did not understand informality. He died just about in the nick of time.

The stretch of informality reaches quite extraordinary lengths. Four years ago. I hadn't caught the name of the imposing woman seated at my right at a dinner party in Switzerland, I sneaked a look at her place card (mine was, simply, "Bill") and read, "Bozo" ("Poza"?) - I forget, exactly. Somehow, I just could not bring myself. during dinner to refer to her as "Bozo," and I am glad I didn't because an hour or two later I discovered that she was the Queen of Denmark.

Now the design of your first name invites a grudging concession for those bent on aggressive folksiness: Nobody I know personally has ever called me "William." But the word itself suggests a slight gradation in the direction of formality, even as calling someone James instead of Jim, Timothy instead of Tim, is a minor deference to orthodoxy. When my father settled in South Car-

olina, a generation after he left Texas, he was plopped into a new informality. Granted, first-name use was restricted to social friends or professional asso-ciates. But 1 remember the agony he went through on being told that he must refer to his hostess at the dinner party by her nickname. He had a terrible time framing the word -- "Pussycat."

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Bosnia: Long Abandoned

Regarding "In Bleak Basnia Forecast, CIA Sees Partition Likely" (Dec. 23); The CIA specialist on Yugoslavia ouoted in this report on Bosnia's proba-This report would constitute an amusing year-end spoof were not so much human misery involved. Does it ble partition is clearly trying to deny any really take a team of analysts to deduce personal or U.S. government responsibil

that in the manifest absence of any political will anywhere to stop the ity for that outcome. How cowardly. Serbs' and Croats' aggressioo against Bosnia, partitioo is simply inevitable since that is what the aggressors want? A Brave Spielberg Film The U.S. administration's foreign In response to the feature "Steven Spielpolicy bureaucracy does itself little credit with its absurd game of denials and disclaimers. The absence of any berg Tackles the Holocaust" (Dec. 14): Those critics who attack Steven Spieleffort to use force to break the latest berg on the grounds that he made the film Serbian and Croatian blockades of Sa-"Schindler's List" as a way of emotionalrajevo and other Bosnian safe havens more accurately, urban concentration camps where Bosnians are safe to



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starve and freeze --- speaks louder than a thousand official pronouncements. **REYNOLD RIEMER.**

China Defends Law for Control of Births

Beijing Says Policy Is 'Totally Different' From Nazi Eugenics

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

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BEIJING - Stung by foreign criticism of a proposed "eugenics" law to prevent birth defects. China said Wednesday that the draft legislation unveiled last week would not coerce mothers into having abortions.

The essence of China's better births policy is totally different from the racist 'eugenics' policy pursued by Adolf Hitler during his Third Reich." said a Ministry of Public Health statement carried by the press agency Xinhua.

The statement dropped language used last week and instead of calling the proposed legislation "On Eugenics and Health Protection." referred to it as a "draft natal and health care law.

As described last week, the law would use sterifization, abortion and bans on marriage to prevent people from passing on mental disabilities and certain diseases, including hepatitis, on to their children. The taw was designed to "to avoid new births of inferior quality and beighten the standards of the whole populathe news agency had said.

On Wednesday a spokesman disavowed that language, saying: "The official English translation of the new natal and health care law will not be finalized until the law is promulgated." Ordinarily, draft laws are adopted by the National People's Congress without any signifi-

law was to prevent the hirth of people with serious hereditary diseases or mental disabilities. As a relatively poor, developing country, China is a place where such people face severe challenges.

The government said as many as 460,000 children in China are born every year with hirth defects and disabilities that could have been discovered through testing before birth. It said there were about 10 million people with similar congenital problems living in China whose hirths could have been prevented.

Although parents in developed countries often undergo genetic testing to detect potential birth delects, such testing is a matter of personal choice and private conscience. The drafting of a government policy in China raised concerns about the degree of coercion involved, a concern evacerbated by controversy over the degree to which coercion has been used in China's policy of one child per family.

Last week, the Public Health Ministry would not answer questions about how the proposed law would be implemented.

But a ministry spokesman said Wednesday in the statement that even if a doctor advised a woman to have an abortion because she was liable to give birth to a disabled or sick baby. the draft law stipulated the termination of preg-

The spokesman stressed that the aim of the nancy must be with the agreement of the woman or her guardian.

This provision indicates that the law respects the right of individuals to make their own judgments, and reflects the principle of combining government guidance with individual choice," the spokesman said. "The law will serve to prevent or reduce the number of births of seriously sick and disabled children," he said, adding that it would "improve the quality of the Chinese population."

The purpose of China's law is "to give hirth to healthy future generations," he said. "The essential content is bealth care for mother and

But the draft law would make demands on some couples. It would require certain couples to postpone marriage or take long-term contra-ceptive measures after marriage, he said. These include couples diagnosed as having reproduclive diseases, hereditary diseases that lead to seriously sick or disabled children, schizophrenia, manic-depressive psychoses and other severe psychoses, or acute infectious diseases including venereal diseases.

The original description of the law also mentioned hepatitis, a liver disease common among the Chinese. Hepatitis A can be cured and need not be that serious. Hepatitis B is more serious and can be passed on to children by their mothers and can lead to chronic liver problems.



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Police officers peering into a Rochester, New York, home where two persons were killed by a bomb.

U.S.-North Korea Talks Quietly Continue at UN

UNITED NATIONS. New York - North Korea said it had made new proposals to the United States on Wednesday in negotiations to resolve a dispute over Pyongyang's nuclear weapons caoability.

A diplomatic source said the previously unannounced session was inconclusive, with "progress measured in inches.

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sponding to earlier U.S. proposals Thomas C. Hubbard, deputy asfor ending the showdown over sistant U.S. secretary of state for North Korea's nuclear program. East Asia and the Pacific, met for "We made a very reasonable, acmore than an hour at UN headceptable proposal to the United quarters with Ho Jong, North Ko-States to quicken the solution of rea's deputy UN delegate. Mr. Hubbard would only say afnuclear issues," Mr. Ho said, "The

ter the meeting that the North Koball is now in the court of the United States. reans had requested the meeting The State Department meanand that "we expect the dialogue to

while, said the talks would be accelcontinue." The implication was that the North Koreans were re- erated. "The talks will continue

and the pace is quickening." said David Johnson, a State Depart-Washington is trying to persuade North Korea to agree to thorough international inspection of its nument spokesman. The two sides, which lack formal clear facilities. diplomatic ues, have met unan-

nounced several times in the last few weeks at the United Nations. They met twice last week, amid reports of progress.

The Central Intelligence Agency

said in a report to Congress that it believed it likely that North Korea cooperate. bas developed one or two atomic bombs. North Korea denies such charges. President Kim Young Sam of South Korea said Tuesday that

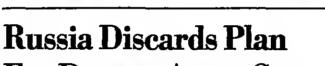
a preference for a "comprehensive" diplomatic resolution to the dispute But Washington also has said that it might ask the UN Security Council to approve sanctions against North Korea if it does not

The United States has expressed

However, China, a close ally of the North with Security Council veto power to block sanctions, has

black magic orgies that culmi-nated in two human sacrifices.

while the North wants to develop declared its opposition to attempts nuclear weapons, it does not ap-to coerce North Korea. (AP, Reuters)



For Deeper Army Cuts

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOSCOW - Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev of Russia said Wednesday that his country's army should stabilize at 2.1 million men and attacked plans by the former parliament to bring the number

down to 1.5 million. The minister said that the government would not act on a law. adopted by the parliament, reducing army strength to 1.5 million. according to comments reported by the Itar-Tass and Interfax news

Mr. Yeltsin and General Grachev had previously said that Rus-sia should have an army of 1.5

Greek Satanist Group Accused of Killing 2

By Paul Anastasi New York Times Service ATHENS - Greece was shocked Wednesday by the official disclosure of a group of satanists who confessed to.

An official police announce-Dimitrokalis, 21. ment said that four alleged ringleaders, three soldiers in their early 20s and an 18-year-old woman, had confessed to murdering a 14-year old girl and a terrogation. 27-year-old woman in the culmination of satanic rites of worship.

The announcement said that the satanists were arrested on Christmas Eve. prior to the planned Christmas Day sacrifice of another four women,

Greece has one of the lowest crime rates in the West, a fact attributed largely to the perse-verance of strong family ties and the influence of the Orthodox Church.

Two of the four ringleaders were jailed at a military prison on the outskirts of Athens pending their trial, after being charged on twelve counts. The charges include multiple premeditated murder "of a particularly heinous nanne," torture, conspiracy, arson and the illegal possession of arms.

tem, to the influences of television films on today's youth." ried the death penalty in

of The Liberty Iron and Metal Company of Erie, Pennsylvania The company said it had no idea how the bomber obtained the box-Greece, but the death penalty was abolished last month. The Athens prosecutor said the two imprisoned satanists Thomas Constantine, the super intendent of state police, said there had recruited young women to their sect for human sacrifice since 1990. He identified them appeared to be "some type of a engeance factor or a vendetta or financial, we're not sure of which, for many members of the Fowler as Greek Army soldiers, Asimakis Katsoulas, 22, and Manolis family.

Another bomh was sent to the The two other alleged ring-leaders, Haralambos Zambras, Fowlers' daughter. Lucille, who lives in New Albion, 40 miles south 20, also a soldier, and Dimitra of Buffalo, and was defused by the Marieti, 18, were still under in-According to the charges, the

> Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ALGIERS - The bodies of a Belgian and his Algerian wife were found on Wednesday, raising to 24 the number of foreigners killed in Algeria since Sept 21 and the 17th since an ultimatum by Muslim funheave the country or face death. expired Nov. 30.

The slayings have sparked an ex-

Two More Are Killed In Algeria

The two were identified as Ber-

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discovered on the northern outskirts of Athens, after one of the four girls being readied for Christmas sacrifice broke down and reported the rituals to po-Greece's minister of public order, Stelios Papathemelis, said Wednesday; "Greek public

opinion must brace itself for the worst. For the investigation will, go very, very deep. It will cover many key sectors of public life ranging from the military, the church and the educational sys-

These charges previously car-

police. A bomh sent to her boyfriend, Scott Kemp, at a prison 50 miles southwest of Buffalo, where group carried out rituals in tribhe works as a guard, was interceptute to a satanic god, rituals that mostly involved drinking and ed. sex orgies. They would then re-strain their victims with chains and handcuffs, torture them, and in two cases put them to death with daggers and a gun. The sect's headquarters were

BOMBS:

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was killed at her home in West Valley. 30 miles (50 kilometers)

south of Buffalo, and the stepdaughter of Robert Fowler, Elea-

nor's husband, who was killed

along with a co-worker. John

O'Donnell, at a garage where they

worked in Cheektowaga, a Buffalo

Pamela Epperson, another of

Mrs. Fowler's daughters by a previ-ous marriage, was killed by a bomb

sent to her apartment in Rochester. Also killed there was a friend,

Richard Urban. And Miss Epper-

son's uncle, William Lazore, was

wounded in the leg and chest by a bomb mailed to him in Hogans-

burg, hundreds of miles away in

The bombs were dropped off by

delivery services or by mail in

brown cardboard boxes measurin

about 3 by 12 by 18 inches (about 8

by 30 by 45 centimeters), authori-

nes said. Inside were metal tackle

boxes containing the homemade

In Cheektowaga, Police Captain

Thomas Rowan described the

bomb sent there as "an anti-per-

sonnel device" filled with shrapnel.

adding that security cameras at the

Armored Motor Service of America depot captured the explosion on ;

videotape. The bombs apparently were det-

onated by opening the boxes, sever-al of which carried a return address

"It was made to kill," he said,

northeastern New York.

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damentalists, warning foreigners to

nard Robert, 45, and his wife, ckhlef Fadhila, 40.

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after armed men killed the poet and

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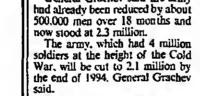
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the century." Secretary of Com-merce Ronald H. Brown recently

said in Mexico with regard to a Western Hemisphere free-trade zone. "Venezuela. Chile and Ar-

genting should be in the first wave

In the meantime, the regional building blocks of a bemispheric trade zone are taking shape.

the end of Spanish and Portuguese

colonial rule in the early 1800s, are

integrating major geographic ar-eas: Central America, the Caribbo-

an. the Andean nations and the

Southern Cone, which includes Ar-

gentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uru-

Trade among Latin America's 11

largest economies jumped 28 per-cent in 1992, reaching \$19.4 billion.

tions," said Noemi Sanin, foreign

minister of Colombia, a nation that

other Latin American countries.

Timetables for tariff reduction

in America will be tariff-free by the

Latin American Economic System,

Customs unions, a dream since

of countries to be considered."

agencies.

million soldiers by 2000. But Gen-eral Grachev on Wednesday held the former parliament responsible for that now-discarded plan. Andrei Kortunov, an analyst

with Russia's Institute of USA and Canada, said, "Yeltsin realizes that Most Western and Russian exhis positions are eroded and he might need the support of the

perts believe that the army already stands at less than 2 million. army." We aren't going to make sharp General Grachev's comments cuts. we aren't going to hurry." said General Grachev, whose troops

"clearly indicate that the military reform will go more slowly than it have been demoralized by the chahad been anticipated," Mr. Koros and cutbacks that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union. tunov said.

month.

RUSSIAN: Raving-Mad Reviews. ales in Algeria, dealing a blow to a government dependent on forcign expertise and capital for its flagsian prostitutes working in Bulgar-

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ia but offers no cooperation to Rusar weapon called Elipton, far stronger than the atomic bomb, that . could "annihilate the whole world." sian deputies." A spokesman for the Australian Embassy confirmed that an aide to Mr. Zhirinovsky had requested a

Responding to that remark on Wednesday, Defense Minister Pa-yel S. Grachev of Russia said he knew nothing about the existence of such a superweapon.

The next stop for Mr. Zhirinovsky was Bulgaria, where he sought to go his Austrian perfor-mance one better. After arriving on Saturday, he announced that his The German government denied Mr. Zhirinovsky permission to enfriend and host there, a Bulgarian husinessman named Svetoslav Mr. Zhinaovský permission to en-ter the country with seven asso-ciates on Wednesday, saying his renewed presence would "prejudice German state interests," The New. Stoilov, would be the "future presi-dent of Bulgaria."

He called for new presidential elections and said the Bulgarian president, Zhelyu Zhelev, "should York Times reported from Bonn. retire - let him take a rest."

Of the South Americans, Brazil On Tuesday, when Mr. Zhirinshows the least interest in joining the North American bloc. In Septhe North American bloc. In Sep-tember, at a regional beads of state meeting. President liamar Franco blocked approval of a nonhinding motion of support for NAFTA. Instead, he presented a plan for Mr. Zhirinovsky also had some

free-trade pact encompassing Brazil and its Amazon neighbors -Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Brazilians fear that under the North American accord, the United States will evenually import duty-free from Mexico goods that

(AFP. AP)

are taxed when imported from Bra-"The free-trade agreements have zil: orange juice, shoes, steel and developed beyond all expectaautomobile parts. But, said Carlos Langoni, international studies director of the Geis negotiating trade accords with 22 tulio Vargas Foundation, the stranded at the airport in Sofia, the North American accord gives powerful support for consolidating

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NAFTA: Free-Trade Hemisphere? "Isolated countries have no des-tiny, no future," President Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina told a regional financial group this

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ments in Germany," Dieter Vogel, the government spokesman, told German radio. choice words for Bulgaria's neighbor, Romania, which he called an ■ Condemnation From U.S. artificial state composed of other, The United States on Wednescountries' territories and peopled day condemned "anti-Semitic, racby "Italian gypsies." In Bucharest, ist" views expressed by Mr. Zhirinthe government summoned the ovsky. Reuters reported from Washington. Russian ambassador on Wednesday to lodge a protest.

On Tuesday, the Bulgarian gov-ernment ordered Mr. Zhirinovsky to leave the country within 24 hours. But when he tried to depart Wednesday, he found himself victim of a pilots' strike.

According to a Reuters report from Solia, Mr. Zhirinovsky was ments."

left furning in the airport's VIP lounge. The news agency said he told a Russian Embassy official

visa application for the nationalist gled out officials, security forces, to visit Sydney; where he has a nicce. In response to the rumored intellectuals, journalists and, since September, foreigners. visit by Mr. Zhirinovsky, who is It was not immediately known if prone to anti-Semitic remarks, Mr. Robert had converted to Islam Australian Jewish leaders demand-

to marry his Muslim wife. Under ed that any visa application from him be rejected. Islamic low, a Muslim woman cannot marry a non-Muslim. but Mus-Germany Slams the Door lim men may marry Christian or Jewish women.

The wave of killings comes amid Muslim fundamentalist campaign launched after a governmenter

crackdown on militants. Two weeks ago, 12 Christian Croatians and Bosnian men work-Officials said the decision was ing on an Algerian state-funded made by Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, who heads the Free Demoproject for the Croatian dam-building firm Hidroelektra were slain at Tamezguida, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Algiers. Other victims of killings attributcratic Party in Chancellor Helmut

Kohl's coalition. "The German government has no interest in having Zhirinovsky make his extreme right-wing stateed to Islamic fundamentalists since September include three French nationals, three Russians, three Latin Americans, a Spaniard and a Briton.

More than 2,000 people have died since the military-backed government canceled runoff parliamentary elections in January 1992 that the Islamie Salvation Front was expected to win.

A State Department spokesman said, "Zhirinovsky has a history of inflammatory public statements, and the U.S. government con-demns the anti-Semitic, racist and On Tuesday, a Muslim fundaxenophobic views expressed in tion commission, also called on many of Mr. Zhirinovsky's state- fighters to unify their ranks. AFP, AP



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Palestinians would continue to be ters. Israel offered a region about handled the same way, by Israel. So square kilometers in size. Israel Palestinians or Arabs visiting the Arab occupied territories would be for access to the Dead Sea. Instead, handled by Palestinians border of-ficials. A third category, including Uija, which is north of Jericho, and and Palestinian officials jointly.

retain the right to veto what it described as problematic visitors" and will insist on some form of continuing direct control of Palestinians as it does now, even if they are checked by PLO officials. For their part, PLO negotiators

diplomats and senior officials to a holy Muslim shrine known Al would be handled by both Israeli Nabi Moussa, east of Jericho. But Israel has insisted that it will Alert in South Lebanon Hundreds of villagers fled their homes Wednesday in south Lebanon as Israeli forces and pro-Iranian

guernilias weat on alert following the Worst fighting in five months, Rep-ters reported from Ibaa, Lebanon, Hezboliah guerrillas fired about reject Israeli interference with Pal-so pockets into Israel's buffer ione Tuesday and Wolnesday, and Israe-

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FOR MORE SUITS: A Move Toward Dressing Down for the Office INTERNATIONAL Continued from Page 1

president of Mister Guy clothing stores in Kansus City. John Russell, a Justice Depart-

ment spokesman who has worked for the federal government since 1970, said that in the last few years he had noticed department attornevs coming to the office in jeans and casual clothes "when they

know they are not going to be meeting with the public and are preparing briefs or in a long writing pro-

something called time poverty." Triltsch, a principal at Gulfstream Mr. Karl said. "We don't have enough time anymore to enjoy our lives." So office workers use what

Many companies have declared Friday a casual clothes day, leading manufacturers to produce what

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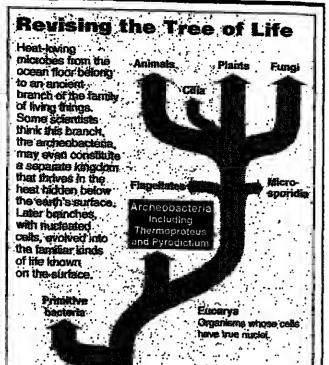
Large sectors of certain industries, particularly West Coast computer and electronic companies,

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By William J. Broad New York Times Service

EW YORK - New forms of microbial life are being discovered in such abundance deep inside the Earth that some scientists are beginning to suspect that the planet has a hidden biosphere extending miles down, whose total mass may rival or exceed that of all surface life. If a deep biosphere does exist, scientists say, its discovery will rewrite textbooks while shedding new light on the mystery of life's origins. Even skeptics say the thesis is intrigging enough to warrant new

studies of the subterranean realm. What makes the new kinds of microbes so extraordinary, and what has fueled debate over their significance and distribution, is their love of extreme temperatures, anathema to all other forms of life. Microbes have been found that flourish at up to 230 degrees Fahrenheit (110 degrees centigrade) and perhaps can briefly survive heat as high as 700 degrees. In contrast, most terrestrial microbes die at or before reaching the boiling point, which at sea level is 212 degrees.

Most of these heat-loving microbes are ancient organisms. Some scientists say that they may represent the original form of life on Earth and that similar organisms may eventually be found elsewhere in the universe.

During the past decade these microbes, known as hyperthermophiles, have been found in hot springs, active volcanic craters, vents beneath the ocean floor and, most recently, in oil reservoirs some two miles down. They tend to thrive in areas of extreme heat and pressure, which are general features of the subterranean world.

ne scientists say the microbes may be ubiquitous thr

Tests for Breast Implant Leaks Held Dubious

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK - A growing num-ber of medical laboratories are offering diagnostic blood tests to women with silicone breast implants, promising that they can determine whether the implants are leaking, posing serious health risks.

But many experts who study breast implants say the tests are extremely imprecise and do not prove that silicone get is the cause of the women's complaints, which range from mild discomfort to life-threatening autoimmune diseases.

"Several companies elaim to have anti-body tests that detect silicone" in blood, said Dr. Robert Ochs, an immunologist at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, "But to my knowledge there is no test that can predict or indicate any specific immune response to silicone."

Some of these tests are so unspecific in the antibodies they detect that they may do nothing more than "sbow a woman has had a cold," said Dr. Carel Vanoss, a professor

of microbiology at the State University of New York in Buffalo. "I can't imagine any physician would pay attention to them."

Nevertheless, many women are being pressed to get these tests, said Dr. Nir reasons strikes women with implants. Kossovsky, a pathologist at the University of California in Los Angeles. None have been approved by the U. S. Food and Drug silicone. Its proponents say that high levels of these anu-silicone antibodies are found Administration. The tests, which can cost hundreds of dollars each, do not prove that in women with ruptured implants. silicone gel is harmful, he said.

An estimated one million women in the United States have had silicone gel implants for cosmetic or reconstructive purposes, the Food and Drug Administration reports. But at the same time that the drug agency flu may have high antibody levels, be said.

is warning about the tests, researchers say they are beginning to understand how im-Researchers at the University of Califorplants break down in the body and interact plants break down in the body and interact nia at Los Angeles and the University of with the immune system, suggesting that California at Davis are devising tests that more useful and accurate tests may he near. measure antibodies to collagen and fibrin-

By Jane E. Brody

New York Times Service

all-too-apt acronym that stands for season-

al affective disorder. For them, the dark days of winter spell

For those with SAD, there is both good

The good news is that the winter solstice

The general strategy in developing these ogen, two proteins that come into constant tests is in look for anybodies, molecules that close contact with silicone gel and could be auack and neutralize foreign proteins in the body. The approach is based on a belief held involved in autoimmune reactions to the implants. But the tests are for research by some researchers that silicone, even purposes only and are not recommended

though it is a synthetic polymer and not a for diagnostic use. Most ideas about how silicone causes disease have not been accepted by mainprotein, can touch off the formation of annodies. They also believe that this process is linked in breast implant complications. stream researchers. But Dr. Kossovsky

Of the currently available tests that exwho has been studying the fate of silicone ploit this strategy, one measures antibodies associated with components of the nervous in human tissues for 12 years, has just published a new theory that be hopes his system and neuromuscular diseases colleagues will consider Described in the December issue of The

But though such antibodies have been detected in some women with breast im-Journal of Applied Biomaterials, the theory plants, it has not been shown that these posits four steps through which the immune system copes with silicone breast implants. All hreast implants eventually leak tiny droplets of silicone. Over years, according in

None can predict any specific immune

response to silicone, says one researcher.

But Dr. John Naim, director of surgical

research at Rochester General Hospital in

New York, points out that silicone is a

gummy material and all sorts of antibodies

readily stick to it. A person with a cold or

These silicone droplets are sticky and oily, Dr. Kossovsky said, and attract pro-teins the way modeling clay draws ink from comic pages. Proteins like alhumin, fibronectin and antibodies are related to silicone. Dr. Kosfibrinogen coat the silicone droplets, which sovsky said. They could be associated with a neurological disease that for unknown

are soon sought out by one of the body's first defense systems - macrophages. Macrophages are designed to devour lit-Another test measures antibodies that tle particles in blood and ussues, he said, stick to silicone materials, reasoning that and go about their job diligently in this first stage of the immune response. the antibodies that stick are specific to

this theory, biological forces spread these droplets, which are small enough in travel

down nerve sheaths, in distant tissues in the

body, far away from the breast.

Silicone is particularly adept at arousing the immune system because it readily changes the shape of proteins and invites antibodies to attack. Dr. Kossovsky said.

"The best evidence that implants cause autoimmune problems in some patients is that half who get their implants removed get better to some degree." Dr. Ochs said. "Their symptoms lessen or resolve."

Other patients, he said, could have problems with their immune systems and would have become ill with or without implants. No one knows how to tell the two apart,



Silicone droplet

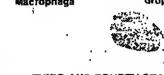
Blood tests that seek to determine whether a breast implant is leaking silicone are vel to distant tissues.

based the immune system's escalating warfare on loreign proteins. Some researchers say silicone collects proteins that sets off the rejection process.

FIRST STAGE

Proteins coat the slicky, oily droplets, which are soon sought out by macrophages, immune sysiem scavenger cells designed to devour intruders.

Deformed protein Sec. After the macrophage attack has gone on for some time, immune Macrophaga system reserves are called in,



THIRD AND FOURTH STAGES Deformed proteins invite e more vigorous attack, including antibody formation. In some people, the attack becomes chronic, and is directed et the body's normal proteins, loo,

Source Dr. Nr Kossovski

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Feeling Sad? Hints for Dealing With Winter Blahs zones sink to such emotional lows during winter's truncated days.

Through this understanding and through well-designed clinical trials, en-EW YORK - "Winter is icuhanced by the application of common sense, have come effective and efficient men in, Lhude sing God-damm . . ." Ezra Pound's lanew therapies, an array including medicament is about more than a mere ing for millions of people who suffer from SAD, the psychiatric syndrome with the all-too-apt acronym that stands for

leading experts, Dr. Norman E. Rosenthal, al affective disorder. For them, the dark days of winter spell months of emotional gloom and doom of-ten accompanied by lethargy and an un-controllable craving for carbohydraits re-who is himself a sufferer, can now be over-come without having to spend hours each day sitting in front of special lights and without having to migrate to the tropics controllable craving for carbohydrates, re-sulting in weight gain that makes them feel

apy studies at the National Institute of Mental Health, is the author of a comprehensive new book on SAD, "Winter Blues: Seasonal Affective Disorder, What It Is has now come and gone, and with each and How to Overcome It."

passing day come more minutes of daylight. Indeed, one research team has found that The bad news is that January and February

Without awakening the sleeper, the com-interized gadget emits low-intensity light frequent disruptions and a decrease in so-now at the Oregon Health Sciences Univer-sity in Portland, the treatment they devised. puterized gadget emits low-intensity light that penetrates closed eyelids and seems to persuade the brain to shed the winter doldrums and pretend that it is spring.

In a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Rosenthal summarized the findings about SAD, a syndrome that first came to light, so to speak, only a decade ago and was recognized as a distinct disorder by the American Psychiatric Association only five years ago.

HE incidence of seasonal mood disorder rises, as you might ex-pect, with increasing latitude. ranging from 1.4 percent among the residents of Florida to as many as 9.7 percent among those who live in New Hampshire. Long before their problem had

People with SAD describe themselves as

SAD patients typically report that their sex drive dwindles and their appetite, particularly for starchy and sugary foods, gets out of control. The resulting weight gain

intensifies their depressed mood. In most studies, women with SAD have outnumbered men by 3 to 1. Dr. Rosenthal and others say there is an interaction between the female sex hormones and a propensity for seasonal mood disorder. Indeed, women with SAD also have a high rate of premensurual tension syndrome.

There are also lesser degrees of SAD. People with a subclinical syndrome may notice a seasonal blunting of normal levels of energy and enthusiasm that, like the fullblown syndrome, responds to light therapy.

While SAD does not usually show up until adolescence, some children show SAD had discovered that going south in the winter made them feel much better. centrating or doing schoolwork; get lower grades; be reluctant to do chores; experi-br. Rosenthal sets up his light box in grades; be relucta

consisted of sitting for hours each morning in front of a light box that mimicked the spectrum of sunlight.

The therapy was hard for patients to fit into their lives and exposed them to undue amounts of ultraviolet light, which can cause skin cancer and cataracts.

Since then, light therapy has been gradu-ally refined and simplified. Many patients get good results from basking for only half an hour each day in front of a high-intensity light box, which is four times as bright as the ones originally used but does not have the harmful ultraviolet rays. According to Dr. Terman rf Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, recent studies

have shown that the light should be intense to be effective, but that a full spectrum of light is not necessary. Now the therapy may use ordinary fluorescent light bulbs with an intensity of 10,000 lux, about 10 to 20 times

the upper few miles of Earth's crust, inhabiting fluid-filled pores, cracks and interstices of rocks while living off the Earth's inner heat and chemicals.

Their main habitats would be in the hot aquifers beneath the continents and in oceanic abysses, fed perpetually by the nutrients carried by the slow circulation of fluids like oil and deep ground water. Never exposed to sunlight but thriving in the darkness, the microbes would constitute a strange new kingdom independent of the Earth's surface and its diverse inhabitants, which generally get their energy from sunlight through the process of photosynthesis. In contrast, the deep biosphere would be powered by the planet's inner energy.

"Potentially, there's an enormous amount of biomass down there," said Dr. Norman R. Pace, a biologist at Indiana University who has written about the possibility of a deep biosphere. "The question is how deep, how hot and how much." He added that the olds of discovering a hidden biological realm were fairly good. "Whenever you find chemistry that's appropriate," he said, "you

find life."

New studies are planned or proposed to find ont whether a new world hes deep inside the Earth.

Dr. John A. Baross, a biologist at the University of Washington in Seattle who studies heat-loving microbes, says he believes that the deep biosphere exists in some form and was probably the birthplace of life because it was safe from the riot of speeding rocks and radiation that battered Earth in its early days.

ETECTION of a deep biosphere, scientists say, would topple many assumptions about the Earth's evolution. It would sneepst new clues to the origin of microbial fossils, as well as new places to seek them. And it would suggest that biological agents could have helped make oil and gas deposits and could have concentrated rare metals like gold, silver and platinum in the Earth's crust.

It could also represent an untapped pool of genetic diversity for It could also represent an intapped pool of genetic investig to the biotechnology revolution. Already, companies are racing to isolate, clone and sell the extremely heat-stable enzymes of known byperthermophiles for use in genetic engineering. But some scientists call for caution and further study. Dr. Holger W. Jannasch, a microbiologist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, said he was skeptical of the

deep-biosphere thesis.

deep-mosphere thesis. "I'm an experimentalist," he said. "We do not yet have enough solid observations to say this is so." He said widespread life at lower depths would require greater heat-withstanding abilities than seen so far.

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IN BRIEF

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DECIDER U.S. Observatory Upgrading its Telescope

By Dick Francis. 318 pages. NEW YORK (NYT) - With financial assistance from Mexico and technical help from a leading Australian astronomer, scientists at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's Very Large Array radio tele-\$22.95. G.P. Putnam's Sons. scope in New Mexico hope to soon begin making images of new planetary SACRED CLOWNS systems in formation. By Tony Hillerman. 305 pages.

To make this possible, a major upgrade of the observatory's VLA radio telescope array at Socorro, New Mexico, has received a \$1 million grant from the Mexican government, said David Finley, a spokesman for the observatory. The observatory is financed by the National Science Foundation, an agency of the federal government, and the Mexican contribu-tion is a landmark in foreign support of science in the United States.

The project, already in progress, will add very-high-frequency receivers to 10 of the observatory's linked dish antennas. The 28-antenna array has been in operation since 1980, but it has never been capable of observing celestial objects at radio frequencies higher than 23 billion hertz (cycles per second).

Genetic Pattern Found in Cocaine Addicts

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Two researchers who discovered the first gene pattern common to severe alcoholics say they have found a com genetic pattern in cocaine addicts.

Their study lends further credence to the belief that drug abuse is more a matter of heredity than of values, the researchers. Dr. Kenneth Blum and Dr. Ernest Noble, said. Dr. Blum is a professor of pharmacology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Dr. Noble is a professor of alcohol studies at UCLA. The two discovered the gene pattern common to alcoholics in 1990.

Their latest study, published in the journal Drug and Alcohol Depen-dence, found the gene pattern in 50.9 percent of 53 Los Angeles cocaine addicts but in only 16 percent of 100 non-addicted control subjects.

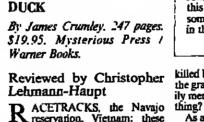
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more than reliably. At the start of Francis's "Decider." Lee Morris, an Oxford architect and builder, is asked to help save a racetrack in nearby Swindon from destruction by the wealthy but violently feuding relatives who

have inherited it. Knowing he should stay clear, be nevertheless piles five of his six sons, ages 7 to 14, into the family bus and drives them out for a look at the track. Before he knows it, he and one of the boys are nearly

BRIDGE

Team Championship. Leading into the two final sessions were four Compton of Oklahoma City, Gay-lor Kasle of Boca Raton, Florida, and Roger Bates of Mesa, Arizona. Earlier in the Reisinger, the diagramed deal gave rise to plenty of competitive bidding. At one table East-West competed to six clubs, which could have been doubled and defeated by three tricks. But South persevered to six spades and was doubled.

West was Al Rand of Manhat-

• Ariel Dorfman, the Chilean writer, has just finished Ruth Behar's "Translated Woman: Crossing the Border with Esperanza's Story. The riveting slory of a Mexican woman, Esperanza and her rage, is paralleled by anthropologist Ruth Behar's own search for identity as a Jewish-Cuban-American, I found this in he a fascinating window on some of the major issues facing us in the world today." (Michael Balter, IHT)

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As always, his humans are immeclowns. And that's what we kodiately likable or detestable, as his share do. We act funny to remind people. To make the people laugh at themselves. We are the sacred restoring old buildings attractively.

The deeper question posed by the novel is why people take the crazier chances they do, even to the point of endangering their children.

The sacred clowns to which the title of Tony Hillerman's new crime novel refers are the so-called koshare who perform in a Tanoan religious ceremony and serve to remind the audience bow far short of

clowns,' he said.' One of these koshare is murfriends looking on. Almost simulta-

neously, a shop leacher at a reservation school is killed, a gay man who devoted himself to helping people and trying to make them laugh. Is there a link between these two deaths of "valuable men"?

Chee does the required gumshoe work and ratiocination, in uneasy As Jim Chee, Hillerman's Nava-jo policeman, explains: "I used to ant Joe Leaphorn. But what is cap-

is purportedly a pre-Columhian ceramic once used to purify human dered during a religious ceremony. blood during ritual sacrifice, al-with Jim Chee and some of his though to Crumley's private investigator C. W. Sughrue (who previousappeared in "The Last Good Kiss"t the ceramic looks like "a goofy bird I used to see in my childhood." You therefore don't ask of Crumley's tale whodunit. You ask

what is happening and why. In a small Montana town, a monstrously unkempt biker gang leader, known as Ahnormal Norman Ha-zelhrook hires his old friend, the private eve Sughrue — " Shoog' as in sugar, honey . . . and rue as in rue the goddumned day" — to

track down his missing mother. She, Hazelbrook insists, is Sarita been kidnapped for reasons no body can figure out, least of all the word-punched reader.

To find her. Sughrue gathers up his gang of Vielnam vers and sets off on a cross-country quest that involves more bloody confrontations than an arcade video game, By the end, so much treachery has occurred that you can't tell who's doing what to whom. But the Day, Glo characters and hopped-up language are what matter, so you are best off relaxing into C. W. Sughrue's philosophy: "We laughed. Life is a joke. You just have to hope it's funny, instead of bad.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the stall of The New York Times.

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By Alan Truscott

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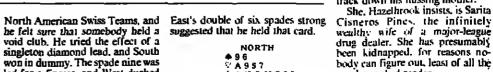
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As Jim Chee, Hillerman's Nava-

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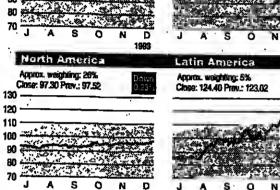
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Pressing Problem Solved Japan and U.S. to Make No-Iron Shirts

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By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service TOKYO - It may not be one of the world's pressing problems, but Japanese and American companies seem on the verge of a technological breakthrough: cotton shirts that require little or no

International Herald Tribune, Thursday, December 30, 1993

Without so much as a collar touch-up, the shirts are "O.K. to wear even for a formal occasion," said Shizuo Watanabe, an executive at a Japanese com-

pany with a popular no-iron process. To make his point, he abruptly stood up, stripped off his jacket and pulled his shirt out of his pants. There, on the shirttail, his wife had written "14" --- the number of times the shirt had been washed without ironing.

In Tokyo, Choya Corp., a Japanese clothing mak-er, earlier this month began selling 100 percent cotton dress shirts that need almost no ironing. And many leading American shirt brands, including Arrow and Van Heusen, are expected to be available in low-wrinkle cotton in the United States by June.

"It may be the ultimate product." said Mr. Wa-tanabe, who is a manager at Nisshinbo Industries. the textile company that developed the process used to make Choya's shirts.

The process is also used in shirts made of a 50-50 cotton-polyester blend that have been best sellers in Japan since their introduction in August. The shirts are said to be softer than their permanentpress forebears and require no ironing even after repeated laundering.

The all-cotton version is nearly as wrinkle resistant, be said, although a woman in Tokyo who recently bought one said she was disappointed. "It didn't look anything like the store display," she said. "It needed ironing - though not as much as a regular cotton shirt." She also said the fabric was thicker than what her busband preferred. "The miracle is not so easy," she said. Cotton breathes. It is soft. It absorbs perspira-

tion. And it has the added cachet of being a natural

fiber. But high prices and its tendency to shrink and wrinkle have limited it to a small share of the dress shirt market — less than 20 percent in the United States, by industry estimates.

That is why a nonshrinking, durable-press all-cotton shirt has been the Holy Grail of garment manufacturers on both sides of the Pacific, who are hailing the shirts as the best new wrinkle in menswear since the advent of permanent-press shirts nearly three decades ago.

The first permanent-press shirts were a blend of

Because shirts are made of thin fabric compared with most other clothes, they represent the ultimate noiron challenge.

about two parts polyester to one part cotton, and the fibers were coated with formaldehyde-impregnated resins to keep their shape.

But these shirts were far from perfect. One problem was that the treatment used to make fabrics wrinkle free also weakened the material, making it easier to tear. That is wby polyester was used - to reinforce the fibers.

The shirts also tended to stiffen after repeated washings and to pucker at places like the collar and cuffs. And they usually ended up needing ironing.

But more recently, improvements in the manufacturing process, and the development of genetically superior cotton plants, have solved many of these problems.

"We have a better base today," said Wolfgang Strahl, senior vice president of textile research at

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IRS Raises Tax-Cheating Sum London traders said their rally was more due to a reluctance to go

It expects to publisb a formal

son at a briefing to begin the new

tax-filing season.

into the New Year holiday short of New York Times Service Volume was half recent levels,

WASHINGTON - Americans excise levies on items like gasoline. cheat the government out of about guns and luxury cars - it has come \$150 billion a year in taxes - up with the higher figure. enough to cover three-fifths of the federal budget deficit - according report on these other aspects of evasion by mid-1994. The \$150 billion gap figure was disclosed Tuesday by Ms. Richardto the Internal Revenue Service.

was bolstered by an upbeat report from the Institute of Directors, which said prospects for Britisb This is far more than it had estimated as recently as last month. business next year looked "ex-In an appearance before Contremely encouraging." gress in November, Margaret Mil-Retailing shares jumped in reacner Richardson, the IRS commistion to a batch of reports of hectic post-Christmas trading.

(Reuters, Knight-Ridder)

By Robert D. Hershey Jr. ened its net beyond income taxes would consolidate customer-service -mainly adding payroll levies and and returns processing, transferring many people now in clerical jobs to front-line compliance jobs.

A major goal is to raise what the IRS calls its voluntary compliance most of its profit for the first nine months of this year for provisions against doubtful loans. rate, now 82 percent, to 90 percent by the end of the century. According to the banking associa-

The IRS also has begun taking a tion, the Consejo Superior Bancaria, more realistic view of its receiv- at the end of October the Banesto parent bank had assets of 5.428 trilables - the money that taxpayers acknowledge they owe or the taxes lion pesetas, client deposits of 3.188 that the government levies on nontrillion and shareholders' equity of filers or other recalcitrants but that 359.92 billion, which could now be remains unpaid. wiped out.

Madrid Cites Banesto's Loans And Net Worth

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Banesto is Spain's third-largest Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MADRID - The Bank of Spain bank by deposits and fourth-larghad to take control of Banco Espest by assets añol de Crédito because its net The bank's new managers, led by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya's deputy worth was insufficient, its loan risks chairman, Alfredo Saez, met at over regulated limits and its earning Banesto on Wednesday to start the power impaired, the government complex task of recapitalizing the

spokesman said Wednesday. bank. This will be carried out by The comments by the spokesman, the Bank of Spain and major Span-Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba, appeared ish banks, all of which are repreto jibe with reports in the Spanish press the morning after Tuesday's takeover, saying Banesto's balance sheet had a "hole" of between 370 billion and 450 billion pesetas (\$2.6 sented on the new board. the former board, including the deposed chairman, Mario Conde, billion and \$3.2 billion). were present. A bank's balance sheet should

show an equilibrium between assets. such as outstanding loans, and lias a separate unit or be absorbed into another bank such as Banco abilities, such as deposits. If liabilities exceed assets, shareholders' eq-Santander or state-owned Argenuity, or net worth, can vanish. possibility of the bank being split Mr. Rubalcaba said the Bank of

Spain's intervention bad been inevitable, given the accumulation of a series of problems such as insufficiency of shareholder funds, contional credibility of the nation's banking system. The central bank said it would ensure liquidity for centration of risky loans over regu-lated limits and the weakness of the bank's profit and loss account, which revealed an insufficient capacity to generate earnings from normal operations. The daily El Pais said the Bank

Banesto said Wednesday that its branches in downtown Madrid of Spain estimated the balance sheet gap to stand at 450 billion were busy, but that there was "no substantial" withdrawal of funds. pesetas while Banesto itself sets the But one man standing in line at figure at around 370 billion.

the bank's headquarters said he bad "So far, all we know is that there already been to seven branches in an is this hole in Banesto of 370 billion attempt to withdraw savings of pesetas," said Juan San Román, vice president for research at Gold-600,000 pesetas and had been told man, Sachs & Co. in London. "It's they did not have enough money. A woman interviewed on Spanstill not clear whether these are ish radio said she was one of many existing bad loans, or additional,

making withdrawals, "I'm here to undeclared bad loans. If they are take out all ... money. undeclared bad loans, the problem The implications of the Banesto is much more serious." Banesto has already set aside crisis are wide because of the

bank's far-flung investments. It owns more than 90 percent of La Corporación Banesto, an indus-trial holding company with interests in construction, real estate, media and sports. Analysts said many of these assets will have to he sold to restore financial health. The Banesto crisis pushed Ma-

Banesto sources said members of

Market sources said it was un-

clear whether Banesto will remain

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into two or three parts. The Bank of Spain said Tuesday

that it was seeking to protect de-

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Banesto at home and abroad and

would make funds available from

the Deposit Guarantee Fund.

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The scrutiny of the broader range sioner, put the "tax gap" at about \$119 billion. of taxes is part of increased enforcement efforts. This month, the agen-But now that the agency has wid- cy announced a plan under which it

Hong Kong

Temporary but Healthy

By Susan Diesenhouse New York Times Service AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts - In a nation where the number of people

without health insurance is growing, the temporary-help industry is often singled out as a villain. The temporary work force is growing 10 times as fast as the permanent one, and few of the 4,500 companies in this \$25 billion business offer comprehensive benefits.

John H. Chuang thinks that is wrong, and is trying to change things. The 28-year-old entrepre-neur from Queens, New York, started a temporaryhelp company that supplied people skilled in using Macintosh computers for various jobs.

The six-year-old company, MacTemps, is so tight on costs that it won't pay for a new pen unless the staffer can prove the old one is empty, not lost But it also provides its long-term temporary work-ers with a benefits package that would be the envy of many permanent workers: medical, dental and long-term disability insurance, a retirement sav-

The searly 40 million Americans who don't have health insurance "is a social problem that our industry is part of," said Mr. Chuang, a Harvard MBA who is the son of immigrants from Taiwan. "As a business, it's our job to solve social problems, not whine about them."

When Mr. Chuang said this to a conference of the mostly male leaders of this industry - an industry that employs about 1.5 million "temps" a day, most of them women -- "he was a breath of fresh air," said Peter Yessne, publisher of the newsletter Staffing Industry Report.

If Mr. Chuang were merely an idealist, not a businessman, he wouldn't be taken so seriously. But in fact his privately held company, which is run by four executives all under 30, will do about

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\$30 million in revenue this year, up 50 percent from 1992, and will carn a profit of almost \$2 million, or about 6 percent of sales.

index rose 17.25, to 2.281.89.

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The market was boosted by a poll

of French business executives that

indicated industrial activity had slipped in December. This, dealers

said, apparently underscored hopes

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Bank of France. The market was

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The German stock market con-

tinued to fall from its record high,

reached on Monday. Traders and

analysts doubted a rally in January would materialize. The 30-share DAX index in Frankfurt (ell 28.12,

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Shares have boomed recently on

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The London stock market's rally

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to 2,214.70.

Its growth rate makes it stand out even in the fastrising temporary help industry, which as a whole is averaging revenue increases of about 20 percent a year and profits of about 2 percent of sales. With a staff of 85 and about 1,400 temporary workers on the job in a given week, now working on all kinds of computers, MacTemps is one of the 60 largest temporary-help companies, Mr. Yessne said,

Under the benefits package at MacTemps, people the company hires out as temporary employees who work 1,000 hours a year qualify for a so-called 401(k) plan, a tax-sheltered retirement plan.

At 1,500 hours, they receive other benefits, in-cluding a comprehensive health plan with no de-ductible, whose cost they split with MacTemps.

Of about 6,500 temporary workers at MacTemps this year, Mr. Chuang estimates that 1,000 are eligible for the 401(k) plan and 500 for the addition-al benefits. Of the 500, he estimates that about 250 enrolled. Mr. Chuang estimated the maximum cost of these mostly young employees at about \$270,000 a year, or about 15 percent of profit.

Mr. Chuang says that good benefits attract good people cager to please. Also, temps who work the most hours for his company are the most profit-able: MacTemps must dn the same amount of administrative work - recruiting, testing, training -for every temp it employs.

Mr. Chuang says his company can afford the extra costs of benefits because it sells a high-end service for which he can charge a premium, keeps overhead low, and has no franchisors, large inves-tors or shareholders with whom to share profits. (Mr. Chuang owns 82 percent of the company and two board members, Steven M. Kapner and Mia M. Wenjen, own the other 18 percent.)

To Relax TV Curbs

Reuters

HONG KONG - Hoping to turn Hong Kong into a regional broadcasting bnb, the government will propose easing some restrictions on foreign ownership of television stations, Secretary for Re-creation and Culture James So said Wednesday.

"What we will do basically is to encourage more people to come to Hong Kong to set up television, either through cable or satellite or other forms, through the relaxation of the rule," Mr. So said.

Foreign ownership is currently restricted to 49 percent of nonfranchised television stations.

Mr. So said, however, that the government would proceed with legislation limiting cross-media owner-ship. He said a media bill, which will be sent to the Legislative Council in the spring, would include restrictions on cross-media ownership.

Mr. So said a newspaper owner would be allowed to hold from 10 to 20 percent of a radio or TV station and vice versa.

The relaxation would not cover Hong Kong's conventional TV sta-tions, Television Broadcasts Ltd. and Asia Television Ltd.

There would be no limit on the number of satellite stations in Hong Kong, but they would have to consult China if they wanted a license extending beyond the colo-ny's 1997 return to China.

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Stocks Inch Ahead To Record Close

Compiled in Our Stati From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stock prices inched up to a record high on Wednesday in active trading marked by computer-guided sell programs and profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 0.84 point, to a high

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of 3,793,77 Tuesday, advanced 0.56 point, to 3,794,33 on Wednesday, Advances topped declines by a nar-row margin. Losses in three Dow mponents - Exam, Chevron and United Technologies - weighed on the key barometer,

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Chip Economic Indicators, He said that a number of "cross-currents" in the comony would keep it from overheating, which means to him that the Federal Reserve fire brigade will not be called out to apply the cold shower of a sudden rise in interest rates.

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[urther industrial restructuring and the need to cut the tederal budget. deticit with tax increases in the upper brackets, he and, will act as a self-correcting drag to the econo-iny's new-found exuberance. Slug-gish business activity abroad will also play a role, he said, and all this adds up to "just what the doctor ordered" for the U.S. economy.

 Leading indicators for the industrial world's economics compiled by Geoffrey Moore of Columbia

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by Geoffrey Moore of Columbia University, who helped develop the U.S. leading indicators half a cen-lury ago, point toward a resump-tion of growth in all everpt Japan — and it will scon follow. Mr. Meore said. Normally, this would be expect-ed to help the U.S. economy, but Mr. Meyer sind other advanced countries were likely to follow the

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TORONTO (Combined Dispatches) — Canada's two national rail-road companies said Wednesday that they would seek approval from the federal government to merge all their operations between Winnipeg. Manitoba, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canadian Press reported. Paul Tellier, chief executive of Canadian National Railway, said the federal content of the second term of the second secon

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merger between facilities operated by it and Canadian Pacific Rail System was the only way for the companies to can losses on their operations east of Manitoba. The plan may also include some of the two companies' assets in the United States, in particular Canadian National's

line from Sarnia, Ontario, to Chicago. Mr. Tellier said the railroads would propose creating a company that would be expected to be operating by early 1996. (Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

CSX to Buy 300 GE Locomotives

argest single order ever placed with the locomotive manufacturer, were not disclosed, but analysis estimated it at \$600 million. The first 80 mits will be delivered in 1994. The balance of the order will be filled by 1997. CSX Transportation, a subsidiary of CSX Corp., operates an 18,900-mile (30,675-kilometer) rail network in the United States and Canada. GE Transportation Systems is a division of General (AP, Knight-Ridder, UPI) Electric Co.

Fruit of the Loom to Cut Inventory

NEW. YORK — (Combined Dispatches) — Fruit of the Loom Inc. officials said Wednesday that the company plans to cut inventory levels by moving its manufacturing operations to a four-day workweek in the United States during the first quarter and perhaps beyond. This week, the Chicago-based apparet maker shut its U.S. manufactur-ing operations as is curtempt for the manufacture.

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The operations will remain closed next week. Earlier Wednesday, the company said it would record a \$65 million pretax gain in 1993 as a result of receiving a \$70 million deht repayment from a former unit, Acme Boot Co. It also said it would realize a net fourth-quarter gain of 55 cents per share from the \$70 million in proceeds. (Knight-Ridder, Reuters) . (Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

U.S. Court Ruling Boosts Intel Corp. SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — Intel Corp. has received a boost in its copyright case against the rival chip maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc.

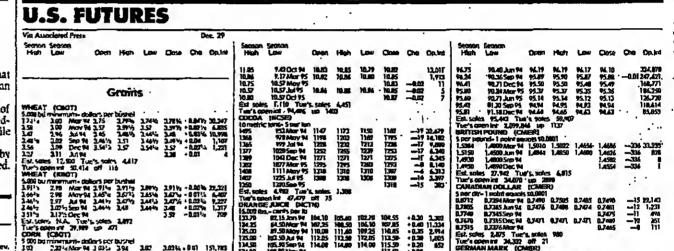
copyright case against the rival chip maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc. from an appeals court ruling that allows a speedier resolution to a series of lawsuits, analysts said. The federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday lifted a stay in federal proceedings that had put on hold Intel's efforts to extract \$600 million in damages from Advanced Micro. The court ruled that key federal copyright infringement cases need not be halted while state courts decide a separate case involving an arbitration award. At stake is Advanced Micro's right to supply microprocessors into the \$66 billion world personal-computer market. Intel now bas a near monopoly posi-tion making the chips for personal-computer manufacturers.

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CompUSA Inc., the largest U.S. computer superstore retailer, said net. sales in the second quarter of financial 1994, ended Dec. 25, rose 65 percent, to \$537 million, from the similar period last year. (Knight-Ridder)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has reversed a 1988 order that required Occidental Petroleum Inc. to pay about \$264 million for alleged violations of federal oil-price controls from 1979 to 1981, the company said Tuesday. (UPI)

A U.S. bankraptry court on Wednesday extended to March 22 the period in which The Columbia Gas System Inc. and its chief pipeline unit have exclusive rights to file Chapter 11 reorganization plans. (Knight-Ridder) Wang Laboratories Inc., newly emerged from bankruptcy, said Wednesday that it expected to report a \$20 million profit in the fiscal year that ends June 30. (AP)



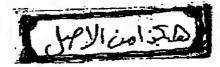
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Italy Clears Plan To Save State **Broadcaster**

Reuter ROME — The Italian cabinet approved on Wednesday a bailout package worth several hundred tril-tion lire to save the state broadcaster RAI from bankrupicy. The vote followed repeated

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IMI Sale Is Set For Jan. 31 Knight-Ridder

MILAN — The public offer of more than 30 percent of the the credit concern Istituto Mobiliare Italiano will run between Jan. 31 and Feh. 4, the Treasury said Wednesday. The sale had been set for Feb. 7-11, but has been brought forward so as not to interfere with the public offer of Banca Commerciale Italiana, which will also take place ahead of schedule in February. The Treasury, which holds half of IMTs shares, said 60 million to 120 million shares of

a total 600 million would be offered to individual domestic investors. This stake will represent at least 30 percent of the offer. The Treasury previously said the shares would be priced from 9.900 to 11.000 lire each.

caster would go out of business if the government failed to intervene. The measures approved by the cahinet include B 5 percent increase in the \$88 license fee that Italians pay each year and n sharp cut in the levy RAI pays to the state.

About 350 billion lire (\$219 million) of RAI debt will be converted to equity under the plan, and the government promised to clamp down on license-fee evaders. The cabinet also approved n new

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treasury-appointed director on RAI's board to keep a close eye on the books, a measure criticized by the former communist Democratic Party of the Left and journalists as an attack on editorial freedom.

In an effort to appease critics, the cabinet said that Guuseppe Fal-cone, general manager of the Cassa Depositi & Prestiti bank, would attend only board meetings that discussed finances and not those con-**A Pension-Fund Program to Invigorate Stock Prices**

cerned with editorial content. The bailout was also criticized by Silvio Berlusconi, whose three television stations are RAI's main competitors. In an interview in the Cornere della Sera daily on Wednesday, Mr. Berlusconi said the plan was n

waste of money and a gift to the leftist parties that were well placed to win general elections early next year. Mr. Berlusconi denonneed the government for passing the measures on the same day it was due to implement tax hikes worth some \$4

Gains Seen for Paris Bourse in '94 Analysts Peg Outlook to French Rate Reductions

By Jürgen Hecker AFP-Extel News

PARIS — Paris share prices are likely to make solid advances in 1994 if the market's expectations for regular cuts in French interest rates are confirmed, analysts and dealers said Wednesday.

A progressive economic recovery in France will favor cyclical stocks early in the year, while consumer stocks will not come into their own before the second half, they added.

If rates decline as rapidly as expected, the CAC-40 index will reach 2,600 at year end and 2,400 to 2,500 by the end of the first half, several brokers predicted. This potential return on investment will attract American and British investors, in particular. The index closed at 2,281.89 on Wednesday, up 17.25 points on the day.

"France offers one of the best potentials for rate cuts in Europe and the Paris Bourse is one of the most interest-rate-sensitive markets," said Sophie Blanpain, equity strategist

at Credit Suisse First Boston. Lower interest rates will reduce corporate financial charges and therefore help boost profits. They should also progressively in-

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and not replace the existing state one.

new system. One was drawn up by Jacques

Barrot, a centrist who heads the parliament's

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crease consumer confidence, analysis said. Most importantly, they will reduce returns from short-term money market funds and most of the liquidity stashed in those funds will find its way into the stock market, ana-lysts said. They noted a sharp increase al-ready in liquidity flows into stocks as investors benefit from generous tax hreaks for such shifts before Dec. 31.

Because of that deadline, the natural flow of funds toward the higher-yielding stock market may dry up in the first few weeks of the year, analysts said, hut it will increase later with every rate cut.

The Bank of France intervention rate probably will be cut to 4.5 percent by the end of the first half of 1994 and to about 4 percent hy December, said Esther Baroudy, senior international economist at Crédit Lyonnais. The current rate is 6.2 percent.

Paris markets will benefit from a swing in investor sentiment as France's economic fundamentals compare more and more favorably with those of Germany, analysts said. They cited France's trade surplus and tight control over inflation as its decisive advantages.

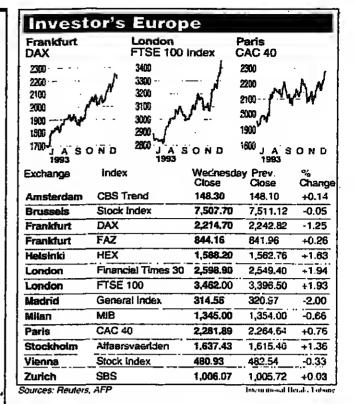
Ms. Baroudy said that as a result, the franc could firm. She predicted the Deutsche mark would fall to 3.35 francs by the end of the year from the current rate of about 3.40. She added that Germany's interest-rate premium over France was likely to disappear. Most analysts expect the Paris market to

advance in a linear fashion, interrupted only by occasional phases of correction.

They acknowledged that there were risk factors, including doubts on the timing of a French economic pick-up, uncertainty on the strength of the U.S. economy and the dollar. and international political risks, such as instability in Russia.

Franck Bergeot, a dealer at Cholet Du-pont, predicted that the market would see a substantial correction, bordering on a crash, before the end of the first half

From an assumed 2.300 level on the CAC-40 at the start of the year, he said, the market could drop to 2.000 as U.S. interest rates rise and it becomes clear that French companies will not see a spectacular earnings rebound. The index will recover, according to this sce-nario, but not beyond 2,500 by the end of 1994, Mr. Bergeot said.



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• Norway's central bank, seeking to defend the krone, announced a rise in its deposit rate to 5 percent from 4.75 percent and the overnight lending rate to commercial and savings banks to 7 percent from 6.75 percent.

 Britain and France have agreed to extend Eurotunnel PLC's Channel Tunnel Concession to 65 years from 55 years.

• French business activity declined in December after four months of improvement, according to the monthly survey of husiness opinion.

• The Swedish Bank Support Authority said it would seek up to several hundred million kronor in damages in a suit to he filed against the majority of Gota Bank's 1990 board of directors for having approved transactions that allegedly caused huge credit losses.

• Turkey has authorized a consortium led by Chase Manhattan Bank to arrange privatization of two state petroleum companies, Tupras Petrol Rafinerileri AS and Petrol Ofisi AS.

• RAS Leibur, Estonia's largest bakery, has been sold by the country's privatization agency to Cultor of Finland, Cerealia of Sweden and the commercial Estonian hank Tallinna Pank in a deal worth an estimated 71. million Estonian kroons (\$5.3 million). Reuters, AFX, Biosnberg, AFP

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Texaco Inc. said it has brought a new North Sea oil and gas field into production using emerging deep-water tech-

nology and an unusual partnership with Chevron Corp.

It said the development of the Strathspey field, about 300 miles (490 kilometers) northeast of Aberdeen, Scotland, showed how North Sea fields that would have been considered too expensive in the past could be brought into produc-

tion. Instead of building a platform, which costs about \$1 billion, Texaco said Tuesday it was able to hring

meters) deep on the sea bed. The oil is collected by underwater pipelines from 15 wells and sent to a central

The oil and gas is sent to the Ninian central surface platform, owned by Chevron. Chevron will process the oil and gas in exchange for royalties from Texaco.

billion.

Texaco Cuts Start-Up Costs

The Strathspey field is expected ment on the report by Disney's to add significantly to North Seamillion barrels a day in the summer to close to 5 million a day now.

5.3 billion francs (\$930 million). In his report, Mr. Eisper said

"There's evidently a bit of pressur-ing going on. It's a good fight," said an analyst with Banque Nationale ers and Euro Disney creditors," be de Paris, a main lender to the park, wrote, "But in doing so, I promise Disney, which has a 49-percent all shareholders of Walt Disney Co. stake in Euro Disney, is negotiating that we will take no action to enwith 60 banks to keep the park operating past April, In the park's first financial year ended Sept. 30, Euro Disney reported a net loss of million charge against constants Mr. Eisner wrote that Euro Dis-

ney was Disney's "first real finan-Walt Disney Co. "cannot shoulder cial disappointment." "Some would call it dreadful, the entire burden ourselves."

and in a financial sense, I would be forced to agree," he wrote. A Euro Disney audit last week said the park would close if there is no restructuring plan by spring. The restructuring talks are expected to cover a combination of

cost-cutting, Disney funding and a refinancing of hank debt. On Wednesday, the stock rose 2.85 francs, to 31.90 francs, on the Paris Bourse, amid short-covering,

after a 6 percent fall Monday. (AP, AFX)



With Wellheads on Seabed Strathspey into production at about half that cost. Texaco placed the head of its wells about 450 feet (137 **Eisner Presses Fight Over Euro Disney Rescue** Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Comment by Walt underwater collection point.

Disney Co.'s chief that Euro Disney SCA's performance is "dreadful" was seen bere Wednesday as tough talk in restructuring negotiations. French banks that put up most of the money to build the \$4 billion park east of Paris refused to com-

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chairman, Michael Eisner, to his output, which has risen from 4.9 shareholders, made public Tuesday. But banking sources saw Mr. Eisner's statement as positioning.

finance committee, and the other by banks. PARIS --- France is preparing a pension-fund plan that should pour hillions of francs insurers and companies working under the umbrella of the employers' federation. into the Bourse, flesh ont the meager funds of Key issues include how much pension major French companies, and revolutionize money can be reinvested in employees' own the country's brand of organized capitalism. Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said this month that he hoped to introduce a companies and whether recipients will be paid in a lump sum or in annihies.

The debate centers on the need to satisfy three requirements: provide pensions for the ageing population, bolster companies' capital

He has not disclosed details, promising and spark interest in the Bourse. The present system is cracking as job losses only that the new system would complement cut workers' contributions. The system, which Under that, pensions of up to 80 to 90 pays basic pensions to everyone, is weighed percent of salary are paid out of workers' down by buge deficits, while two supplementary plans for professionals are nearly bank-There are already two rival proposals for a

rupt. There also are savings plans that function s pension plans. But the French have until now resisted a

more formal tax-break-driven private pension fund system, learing an erosion of the welfare state,

The commitment to retaining the existing system means that the new funds in France will probably be used only by affluent people to supplement their state pensions, in contrast to the systems in Britain and the United States, where state pensions are much smaller,

from the money market into shares to help absorb the 21 companies it plans to privatize over the next five years has given the issue immediacy.

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The government's need to divert savings

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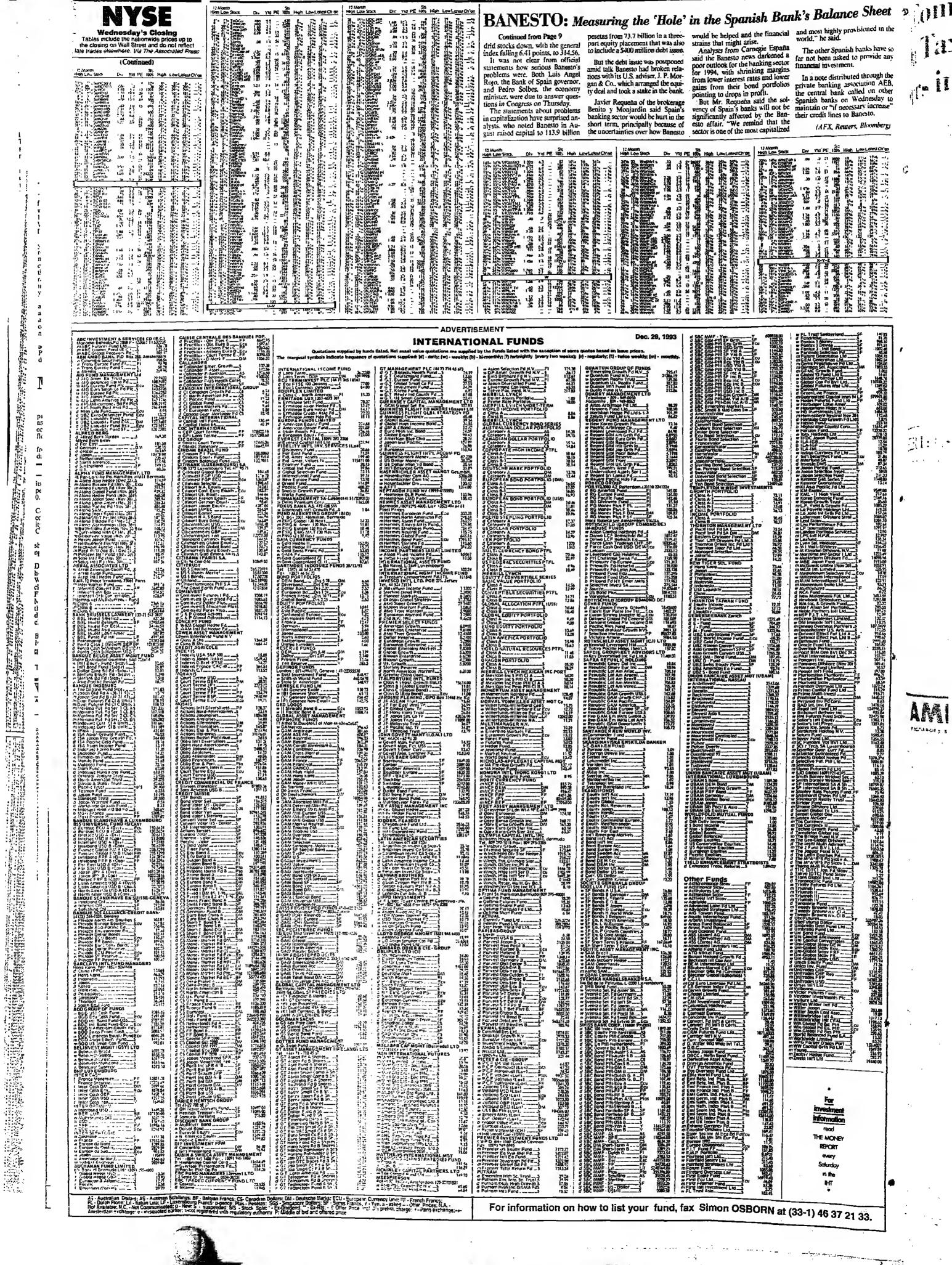
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A Compromise **On Tax Cuts Stirs in Tokyo**

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the tax cuts as part of a new package

of measures to simulate the faiter-ing economy, initially expected in be announced as early as December.

In separate end-of-year inter-views recorded this week, however,

two cabinet ministers have reported-

ly stated publicly what Finance Ministry officials have in the past

only been prepared to say in private:

spokesman. "I think it is permissi-

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His remarks were reportedly ech-oed by the deputy prime minister.

Tsutomu Hata, in a separate inter-view with NHK. "It's difficult to cut

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Japanese media invented the term

bridging bonds in 1991 to refer to

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TOKYO - The Japanese govcrnment on Wednesday appeared close to a compromise between the close to a compromise between the biggest party in the ruling coalition and the Finance Ministry over how to pay for trillions of yea in income-tax reductions.

The apparent breakthrough coincided with reports that the bureaucrats who control the purse strings had eased their demands that the cuts be funded by an immediate consumption tax hike to make up for lost revenue.

than deficit-covering bonds. "We must avoid general deficit-covering bonds," Masayoshi Take-mura, the chief cabinet secretary, The compromise, if confirmed, was quoted as saying Wednesday in an interview with Japan Broadcastwould explain separate reports that the government is preparing to low-But there are other things like bridging bonds and short-term er income taxes by more than 6 trillion yen (\$54 billion) from as government bonds," said Mr. Taearly as January and defer raising the consumption tax, now at 3 percent, for about 15 months, until carly 1995.

Finance Ministry officials have insisted that resorting to deficit financing would be reckless in light of their successful campaign to phase out the issue of so-called defcit-covering bonds. In Japanese fiscal parlance, these are distinct

taxes at the same time," Mr. Hata was quoted as saying. Asked how income tax cuts would therefore be from construction bonds used to finance public works projects. The alternative to deficit financfunded, he reportedly responded: "If you say bridging bonds, there may he such possibility." ing, that of raising the consumption tax introduced in 1989, is opposed by the Social Democratic Party, the

biggest partner in the fragile seven-party coalition of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

Articipts to reach a compromise the Gulf War, later recouped have stalled the announcement of through a special corporate tax.

Bottling a Dream in India Businessman Seeks to Make Fine Wine

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

DODBALLAPUR. India - Just over a rise of stubbly wheat fields and around a twist of torn macadam spreads Kanwal K. Grover's dream, a march of granite pillars and wire draped and wound with the leaves and budding fruit of caber-

net sauvignon grapes. His dream is one of revolution: to change the babits of India's upper-middle classes, transforming them into wine drinkers.

"Yes, it's right to say that wine is not a habit in India," said Mr. Grover, majority owner of a sprawling vineyard in Dodballapur, 40 kilometers (25 miles) north of Bangalore. "But I say, which wine?" he continued. "Unless

standard, how are you going to judge whether the Indian is a wine drinker? A Frenchman. Bruno Yvon, works with Mr. Grover, inspecting production and regularly test-

"It's definitely not as good as a chateau in Bordeaux," Mr. Yvon said, holding a glass of pale Blane de Blanes to the light. "If you compare what we have here with the best of French wines, we are definitely not there. But if you compare it to the worst of French wines, we are definitely better."

Although there are other vintners in India, including a maker of sparkling wine, they all use table grapes. "There are wine makers, yes, but one bottle is different from the next," Mr. Grover said.

His own dream crystallized in 1979, when he was in China pursuing his main business, the import and

export of machine tools, and met George Vesselle, a wine maker in France's Champagne region. Over the next few years, Mr. Grover shipped dirt from different parts of India and statistics on rain-

fall and temperature to Mr. Vesselle for analysis. In 1983, Mr. Grover and Mr. Vesselle selected 35 vine varieties to test in India.

They bought an experimental plot near Banga-lore, said the general manager of Grover Vine-

yards. Abhay Kewadkar, who trained as a wine maker in France. By 1989, they had narrowed the samples to nine varieties and planted three acres (1.2 hectares).

Today, the vineward has 60 acres of vines, Mr. ewadkar said, and next year it will have 100. "We have very good red, light soil and we have lots of sunlight," Mr. Yvon said, "With this system we can have two harvests a year, in the spring and in the fall. This is something I could not do in France."

"This year it's a very light color," he said of the

'If you compare what we have here with the best of French wines, we are definitely not there. But if you compare it to the worst of French wines, we are definitely better." Bruno Yvon, a French wine maker working in India.

cabernet. "The color definitely has to be improved. But it will only get better."

Grover Vineyards shipped its second 100.000 bottles to Bombay and Poona this year, a production level that dwarfs that of most French vineyards. Next year, Mr. Grover hopes to double that. In three years, he said, he hopes to produce one million bottles, all for sale in India.

The biggest challenge, he said, will be deciding which wine goes with which Indian food. "Now of course there are some dishes that won't go." he said. "But we have to get on with this voyage of discovery, to find out what goes with what."

Hit Record This Year Compiled in Our Staff From Disputches

Japan Says

Slush Funds

TOKYO - Unspecified expen-ditures by Japanese companies, widely believed to include bribes and kickbacks, reached a record high this year, the national tax agency said Wedneyday.

The tax agency said unidentified expenditures increased 6.6 percent from a year earlier in the 12 months to June, to a record 59.5 billion yen (\$540 million). Japanese law allows companies to pay taxes on certain (unds without specifying what the money was used for.

The agency added that the actual total of such expenditures could be far higher because its survey covered only 4,909 companies, or 15 percent of the Japanese businesses capitalized at more than 100 million ven. Sources Reuters, AFI Japan's business and political corruption scandals widened this year as dozens of corporate chairmen and presidents were arrested for bribing governors and mayors. Ichiro Ozawa. a power broker in the coalition government, faced an allegation last week that he received 10 million yen from Hazama Coro. in 1991 after he helped the company win a contract for a dam project.

The tax agency said 70 percent of the unidentified expenditures were found in the construction industry,

Ties between Japanese companies and politicians came to light when an official. Shin Kanemaru, resigned in 1992 after admitting he took illegal funds from a mob-related trucking company.

(AFP. Bloomberg. Reuters)

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Sydney	All Ordinaries	2,126.90	2,089.20	+1.80
Tokyo	Nikkei 225	17,272.03	17,131.21	+0.82
Kuala Lumpur	Composite	1,231.86	1,223.05	+0.72
Bangkok	SET	1,668.63	1,652.69	+0.96
Seoul	Composite Stock	Closed	866.18	-
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Jakarta	Stock Index	587.88	572.57	+2.67
New Zealand	NZSE-40	2,155.79	2,108.33	+2.25
Bombay	National Index	Closed	1.620.25	-

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South Korea's Securities Advisory Board said foreigners invested \$7.5 hillion in the stock market in 1993, more than double the 1992 amount.

Bank of Korea said South Korean industries invested \$1.45 billion abroad in the first 11 months of 1993, up 33 percent from 1992; much of the rise was due to a near-tripling of investment in China, to \$551 million. Shanghai-Volkswagen Automotive Co., Volkswagen AG's Chinese joint venture, produced more than 100,000 Santana cars in 1993, up from 65.000 units in 1992 and 35,000 in 1991.

• Nissho lwai Corp. won separate orders totaling 0.5 billion yen (\$58.4 million) with Siry Chamon Impianti SpA of Italy and Technip SA of France to build plants for making chemicals for fertilizer in China.

 PT PANN. an Indonesian state company, is negotiating to buy 32 second-hand Boeing 737-200s from Lufthansa for around \$250 million; Renters, AFX, AFF

SHIRT: U.S. and Japanese Technology Is Ironing Out a Pressing Problem YUAN: China to Float Currency

Continued from Page 9 Cotton Inc. a marketing and re-search organization in New York that represents American cotton growers.

Still, some specialists, despite their enthusiasm for the no-iron. all-cotion ideal, cautioned that wearing was believing. "We've had three generations of

failures of no-iron," said Hiro Oka-moto, president of International Textile Management Consulting Co. in New York, who is the licensing agent in the United States and Asia for an American process to make clothing wrinkle free. "If it

doesn't absorb water, if it is weak and if it emits formaldebyde and turns yellow after 20 washes, it doesn't make sense."

Because shirts are made of thin ' also with salarymen, who on busifabric, compared with most other .ness trips can now wash a shirt in

cess in the last year selling all-cot-ton slacks that resist wrinkling. But it was the Japanese who were first out of the armoire with no-iron shirts, introducing the half-cotton. half-polyester versions that are said to be superior to previous cotton-

poly incarnations and to need no ironing even after 20 washes. They have had brisk sales since their introduction, and they have been one of the hit products of the wear-end gift-giving season here. The shirts sell for \$40 to \$75, or about \$10 to \$20 more than regular dress shirts in Tokyo. Laken after five cycles of washing Untreated cotton typically has a rating of about 1 or a little better. A

In Japan, where domestic chores are still divided largely along tradi-tional gender lines, the shirts are proving popular not only with housewives, who have to iron, but

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price as current corton Arrows said Mary Alice Kelly, executive the 4 you don't." Mr. Strahl of vice president of Cheut Peabody Cotton Inc, said. Shirts, the company that owns Ar-

row. Shirt scientists, as it turns out, have a scale for elassifying wrin-kles, with 1 being the equivalent of a withering prune and 5 represent-

day. The standard measurement is

conventional cotton-polyester blend ranks somewhere between 3 and 3.5. The half-cotton, half-polyester no-iron shirts now sweeping Japan have been known to hit 4;

The new all-cotton shirts made with Nisshinbo's process have a

Some clothing executives say that if cotton shirts can be made resistant to wrinkling and shrinkage, many people who now wear cotton polyester blends will switch

But other executives say wrinkleresistant cotton may have a negligible impact on the American shirt market because people who are willing to spend more to wear allcotton shirts tend to have them laundered anyway and do not care

about ironing. Like today's cotton. the no-iron variety will still be more the swap markets. expensive than blends. Why does cotton wrinkle? Nor-

Continued from Page 1 she expected the change to help foreign investors in China.

"It basically removes the buffer between China's domestic market and the outside world," said Annabel Betz, an economist with Baring Securities in Hong Kong. The substantial difference be-

tween the two exchange rates has amounted to a significant subsidy for some Chinese industries, most of them state-owned, which import foreign goods and raw materials and which have access to currency at the official rate. At the same time, the rates have penalized foreign businesses and investors unable to convert dollars to yuan in

"Many people have been obliged to convert funds at the official rate mally, the cellulose that provides and accept an immediate foreign n for cotton fibers is CXC ige loss, said Anthony Rus Everbright Group Co., who worked linked into long chains that give the sell. Hongkoog & Shanghai Bank's 17 years in the Bank of China. fibers strength. But in some parts area manager for China. "It has of the fiber, the cellulose molecules definitely been an obstacle to forincluding five years as director of its New York branch. tend to have weak or missing baks. When the garment is washed, the The Chinese central bank made Qiren. 52, former deputy director fibers swell with water and defor- clear that it, like other nations' cen- of the government's Hong Kong tral banks, was not ceding total and Macao Affairs Office.

control of its currency. It said it

would intervene in the market to keep rates stable. 1 While the move toward a floating currency implies a devaluation for the yuan, analysts said the change may have only limited effect on China's inflation, which hit 14.5 percent nationwide and 19.5 percent in major cities this year.

Bank of China Shake-up The Bank of China appointed a new president and new chairman Wednesday in apparent prepara-tion for major reforms in 1994, the Associated Press reported.

Wang Deyan, 63, who formerly held both posts, is retiring after 817 years, the official news agency, Xinhua, said. The new president is Wang Xuebing, 41, most recently vice general manager of the China **Taiwan Backs Asia Cable Plan** Compiled In Our Stall From Dispatches estimated \$684 million cost of the TAIPEI - Taiwan officials on broad-band, 11,000-kilometer Wednesday approved a \$73.67 mil-(t6.800-mile) network, said the Council for Economic Planning lion investment in a project to build

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and Development, a cabinet-level Asia's longest relecommunications cable network, connecting nine agency, Construction of the colder, which The Asia Pacific Cable Network will contain 60,000 telephone cirwill link Hong Kong. Indonesia, cuits, will begin next year and is Japan. Malaysia, the Philippines, expected to be completed in early Singapore. South Korea, Taiwan 1997. officials said.

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SPORTS

Sonics Top Rockets to Go To the Head of the Class

closer than four points.

There's a new "best" team in the National Basketball Association.

The Seattle SuperSonies replaced the Houston Rockets as the team with the highest winning per-centage — at .875 with a 21-3 record -after a 112-97 victory Tuesday night in Seattle in which Gary Payton and Ricky Pierce each scored 25 points.

The Rockets, who have lost three of their last four, slipped to 23-4 and .852.

"We're both among the clite teams in the league." said Payton after Seattle raised its record to 13-I at home, the only loss an 87-86 setback against Phoenix on Thursday. "People were saving we hadn't win a big game. Now we've won a big game. We're right there with the Rockets.

The Rockets, playing their fourth game in six days, were with-out a key reserve. Scott Brooks, who was out with flu,

"It was frustrating because we responded in the beginning." Houston's center, Hakeem Olajuwon, said. "In a game like this, whichever team plays the smartest is going to win.

The Sonies led hy 30 points three quarter points in Miami. times in the second quarter. But the Rockets battled back to get to 84-81 with 10:26 left before the Sonics scored the next 11 points for a 95-81 lead with 7:12 to go as Pierce scored on 18- and 15-footers and two free throws. The spurt also included Payton's 3-pointer --- only his second of the season - from

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rebounds, while Dennis Rodman out on the 24-second clock. Olajuwon scored 34 points for

the Rockets, who are now 13-3 on Ferrell, replacing the injured Domithe road this season. He hat 16 of 21 nique Wilkins, scored 18 as Atlanta shots from the floor, had 10 rebounced hack from two straight bounds and blocked four shots. Nets 97, Knicks 95: Derrick

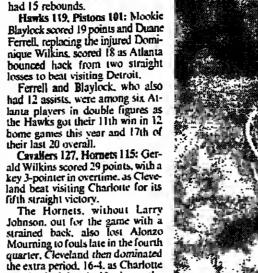
Coleman and Kenny Auderson scored nine points during a late 10-0 run that helped New Jersey end its eight-game road losing streak. The Knicks, whose six-game winning streak at Madison Square their last 20 overall. Garden ended, nearly overcame a

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

four-point deficit in the final 11 fifth straight victory. seconds. But Patrick Ewing, on the free-throw line with the score 97-95 Johnson, out for the game with a strained back, also lost Alonzo and 0.2 seconds left, was off the mark on his first foul shot before Mourning to fouls late in the fourth missing his second intentionally. quarter, Cleveland then dominated the extra period, 16-4, as Charlotte Coleman, who had 30 points and 13 rebounds, had a 3-pointer and two free throws, while Anderson tained winless in 12 trips to the Richfield Coliseum. scored four points during the 10-0 spurt that turned a 92-86 deficit

into a 96-92 lead. Anderson fin-Mourning led Charlotte with 24 ished with 21 points and 12 assists. DOIDIS. Sours 84, Heat 76: Eric (Sleepy) Floyd woke up the lethargic San Johnson, who went over 17,000 ca-reer points in his 13th NBA season. Antonio offense with 15 fourth-19. Curry made five 3-pointers. Floyd, who totaled 19 points,

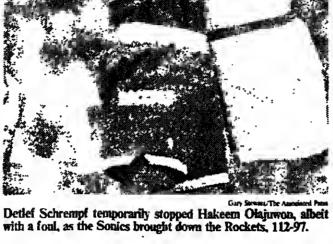
scored nine during a 11-4 run that period. opened the fourth quarter, and the Nuge Nuggets 97, Mavericks 85: Bry-Heat was never nble to again get ant Suith scored 21 points, making all 15 of his free throws, as Denver



Brad Daugherty scored 28 sints. 22 in the first half, while Dell Curry added 23 and Eddie

four of them in a 16-point fourth

Despite sitting out warmups with the flu, David Robinson led San Antonio with 20 points and 16 13 straight losses.



A Quiet Coach Has Hawks Soaring

By Harvey Araton

New York Times Service BOSTON - Dominique Wilkins was an-noved. That was obvious to Lenny Wilkens, and everyone else in Boston Garden, from the start

He had been in a bad shooting slump. He had a sore ankle and began the game against the Celtics bothered by a head cold and the lact that on the Atlanta Hawks' first few possessions, he couldn't get his itchy fingers on the ball.

Mookie Blaylock was dribbling out near the key. Wilkins ran toward hint with his hands out. Blaylock dribbled the other way and hoisted a jumper that missed. Wilkins turned, facing the Hawks' bench, and cursed. He didn't exactly sprint back on defense. Soon, without furning or fuss, Lenny Wilkens called him to the bench.

The tranquil-looking coach knew it was soing to be a stomach-churning night with the 33-year-old scorer. Wilkins happens to be in the last year of his \$3.5 million contract. That's bound to exacerbate any gamespring in Cleveland, where he had helped rebuild a horrendous team into a contender that couldn't beat Michael Jordan, he beaded for Atlanta. People wondered why this scholarly basketball teacher would choose what seemed to be an incorrigible class. The season began. The Hawks lost four of

five. They won a couple more, a few after that. friends in the league were saying. "Poor Lenny," he said. Suddenly they were playing defense, trap-ping, hustling, Their offense was no longer Wilkins arguing with 7-foot Kevin Willis over who got to post up and demand the ball. Their

Sometime next year, Lenny Wilkens will become the pro basketball coach with the

most career victories.

ball-hawking guards. Blaylock and Stacey

He was Atlanta's second choice after Rick Pitino. Had the Hawks gotten Pitino, there would have been much glorious hype about Pitino's system, bow his mere presence, like Pat Riley's in New York, would whip the Hawks into shape. In London, after the Hawks put on an embarrassing exhibition display. Wilkens knew what his many

MADRID -- Three-time Tour de France winner Miguel Indurain, the Real Madrid soccer club, four top basketball teams and rally driver Carlos Sainz could all be affected by the financial crisis at Banco Español de Credito-Banesto SA.

The Bank of Spain announced Tuesday it was intervening in Banesto because of financial problems the bank, one of Spain's big-

gest, was unable to resolve alone. The bank's biggest sporting venture is with the Banesto cycling team, whose leader, Indurain, is the highest paid rider in the world.

That sponsorship costs the bank more than 2 billion pesetas (\$15.2 million) a year, plus the contract of Indurain, winner of the last two Giros in Italy. He gets 350 million pesetas a year.

Tournament Is All Indiana's **Despite Injuries to 2 Players**

al Press INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Wolfpack (4-5) get within 75-71 may have paid a big price for its with 1:23 to play. Ed O'Bannon 12th consecutive Hoosier Classic championship.

The 13th-ranked Hoosiers played nost of the second half of Tuesday night's championship game in Indi-anapolis with only eight players in uniform when Todd Leary and Brian Evans were injured. But Indiana held on to defeat. No. 25 Western Kennicky, 65-55.

history at home, retained from a le-day layoff with an easy win in the opening round of their Ab-dow's Hall of Fame Classic. Mike Williams had 21 points to lead Massachusetts, which will meet. Maryland in the title game. No. 11 Logisville 76. Cal Santa Barbarg Sta Caruer Clifford Barier The two players' status for Indiana's Big Ten opener Jan. 8 against Penn State was uncertain because Indiana's coach, Bob Knight, Barbara 53: Center Clifford Rozier would not to talk to the media afterward and did not send a mem-COLLEGE BASKETBALL ber of his staff to be interviewed."

scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half as Louisville (6-1) used a Pat Graham, no stranger to inju-ry after missing most of two sea-sons with fractures in his feet, and 15-0 opening run in the Rainbow fellow senior Damon Bailey scored Indiana's final 18 points of the game, with Graham getting 10 of his 20 points in the final minutes. Classic in Honolulu to advance to the title game against Florida, which upset No. 20 Oktahoma State. No. 12 Arizona 111, Fordham 84:

Bailey, selected the toornament's most valuable player for the second Khalid Reeves had 23 points as the consecutive year, had a game-high 24 for the second consecutive night, Wildcats (9-1) won their first game stace a hearthreaking loss to Ken-tucky in the finals of the Mani "You're going to have to take some lumps in a game. We just sort of buddled around that and came through," Graham said. Invitational Derek Molis scored 21 points, all on 3-pointers, for the Rams (2-5)

Leary, in his first start of the Arlington 72: Donyell Marshall had a career-high 33 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Hus-kies (8-0) in the first round of the season, sprained his right knee in the first half. Evans dislocated his right shoulder early in the second half. Western Kentucky (4-3), which Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hahalf, cut the deficit to 45-43 on Chris Robinson's two free throws with 11:40 to play. But Indiana (7-2) responded with a 14-3 spurt to waii. Robert Morgan led the Mavericks (4-6) with 22 points. take a 59-46 lead.

6.4 percent and had 22 turnovers that led to 22 Indiana points. Chris Robinson, who led the Hilltoppers with 16 points, fouled out with 7:24 to play.

No. 1 Arkansas 129, Texas Southern 63: With President Bill Clinton in attendance, the Razorbacks (8-0) cruised to a 59-22 balftime lead over the visiting Tigers (3-7) and had it up to 74-24 two minutes after intermission. Davor Rimac led Arkansas which made a school-record 20 3-pointers in 36 attempts, with 18 points.

No. 5 Kentucky 110, San Fran-cisco 83: Travis Ford had 27 points to lead the Wildcars (8-1) to their 27th straight victory at home. The Dons (7-2), who had won seven an straight, were within 71-68 with 9:07 left when Kentucky went on a-12-3 sport and took leads as big as 30 points. Orlando Smart led San Francisco with 22 points.

No. 7 Michigan 102, Anb Jimmy King scored 22 points to lead the Wolverines (7-1) in the ball's highest paid player. By reaching a long-term agree-ment, Williams and the Giants opening round of the Fiesta Bowl Classic in Tacson, Arizona, where they will play host Arizona for the nvoided having to go to arbitration title Thursday night. Jalen Rose-had 21 points and Inwan Howard added 20 for Michigan; Wesley, Person had 22 to lead the Tigers (4 this season. The club also bound the two-time Gold Glove winner for another four seasons when he otherwise. 3).

agency.

Virginia 62, No. 16 Minuesota lead with 8:49 left only to see the 57: Junior Borrough got 22 points as the Cavaliers (4-3) won despite making only five of nine free throws in the last 2:30. The visiting matched his season-high with 24 for the Bruins, while Lewis Sims Golden Gophers (7-3) had a fivelopped the Wolfpack with 14 game winning streak snapped as DOMIS. No. 9 Massachusetts 91, Hart-

leading scorer Voshon Lenard got just six points before fouling out. ford 62: The Minutemen (8-1). No. 18 Cincinnati 84, Robert playing at home, returned from a. Morris 59: The host Bearcats (9-2), despite a sloppy game, won with 18 points each from reserves Darnell Burton and LaZelle Durden.

Florida 74, No. 20 Oklaboura St.): Demetri Hill had a career-high 23 points as the Gators (8-1) won in the Rainbow Classic. A 24-9 run by the Cowboys (7-3) got them to 59-58 with 6:44 left, but not closer. Brooks Thompson had 21 points

for Oklahoma State, which got a career-low four points from center Bryant Reeves.

New Orleans 63, No. 21 George Washington 60: Gerald Williams had 12 points and came up with the game's biggest rebound, of a team-mate's missed free throw with six seconds left, to give the Privateers (6-2) the title in the 46th and last lugar Bowl tournament in New Orleans. Yinka Dare. a 7-foot-1 sophomore center, had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Colonials (6-2), but 6-8 center Melvin Simon

No. 14 Connecticut 112, Texascame up big for New Orleans with 21 points and 13 rebounds. No. 24 Marquette 73, N. Illinois

58: Robb Logtermann was 5-for-6 from 3-point range and bad 23 points to lead the visiting Warriors

Western Kentucky shot only Giants' Williams Signs \$30 Million, 5-Year Deal

rin Jackson and the Chicago White The Associated Press -NEW YORK - Matt Williams Sox agreed to a \$750,000, one-year didn't have to test major league deal that gives him the chance to baseball's free agent market to make another \$750,000 in perforreap the benefits. mance bonuses, Outfielder Jesse Barfield and The San Francisco Giants signed Houston agreed on the outline of a-

him to a \$30.75 million, five-year contract Tuesday that made the National Leagne's top-hitting third National League s top-inting third baseman the eighth-highest paid player in the majors a year before he would qualify for free agency.

5640,000 in bonus opportunities. Pitcher Greg W. Hairis and the Colorado Rockies also agreed to a Williams came back from a subpar 1992 season to hit :294 in 1993, one-year deal, leaving 115 players increase of 67 points from the cligible to file for salary arbitration from Jan. 5-14.

minor-league contract that gives him a \$100,000 signing boms and

the chance for a \$250,000 big

league deal that would have

previous season and 53 points above his career average. Signed through the 1998 season, he will Brien Taylor, the 22-year-old left-hander taken first by the New make an average of \$6.15 million a York Yankees in the 1991 amateur year, second on the Giants behind draft and signed for a record \$1.55, million bonus, won't pitch in 1994, 0005 (5/.291.00/).following arthroscopic surgery on his pitching shoulder, the team said He injured the shoulder during a bar fight Dec. 18 near his home in-Beaufort, North Carolina, and faces misdemeanor charges of sim-ple assault and communicating would have been eligible for free threats. He is due to appear in court Jan. 13. Catcher Chris Hoiles and the Baltimore Orioles agreed to a \$2 Dr. Frank Jobe, the Los Angeles anniversary of an NCAA semifinal Baltimore Orioles agreed to a \$2 Dodgers' team physician, per-between the schools, the visiting million, one-year contract, nearly a formed the surgery to repair two Bruins (7-0) had their closest game sixfold increase from his 1993 sala- tears to tissue covering Taylor's of the season. UCLA had a 67-52 ry of \$350,000, and ontifielder Dar- shoulder muscle.

Bank's Problems In Spain Imperil

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offensive flow. When Wilkins wasn't in the game, the Hawks' ball movement was noticeably improved. But he is still their marquee player. Their ultimate chance to challenge the New York Knicks and the Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference is linked to him. Thus the coach's dilemma in Boston was to figure out how to get Wilkins through the night. extract something positive from his game, without letting him drag the Hawks down. For years, the Hawks have been Domi-nique's team. Their teputation has been a

reflection of Dominique's, an exciting highlight film, with no substantive core. When Wilkens's career alarm started ringing last

Johnson and Gus Williams from his Seattle championship coaching days. They won a team-record 14 straight. Before they left Boston, the Cellics' bonebo. Dave Gavitt. bumped into Wilkens in the hall.

"Thirty-three years I've known you and it took me until this year to realize you're a genius," Gavitt told him.

Who would've told him? Who would've blown Wilkens's horn, or smoke? Sometime next year, this scholarly 56-year-old native of Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant will pass Red Auerbach's 938 victories and become the pro basketball coach with the most career triumphs. He nonetheless remains one of the less-heralded of the breed.

coach years ago in Portland. screamed his head off. He realized one thing. "No one heard me." he said.

Believe it or not, when Wilkens was play-

He understands why, to a point. His entire career, as coach and Hall of Fame player,

has been spent in places like St. Louis, Port-

land, Seattle and Cleveland. Wilkens has

always demanded time for family, for read-

ing, for hiking up mountains. He never cared

to lecture the corporate lunch erowd. He never wanted hasketball to be his whole life.

Americans prefer obsessive workers in

sports. Coaches who watch film all night are

somehow better. When Wilkens was the

point guard for Bill Fitch, Captain Video, he

was asked to sit through thousands of pick-and-roll screenings. "I'd fall asleep." he said.

Not much was getting through to Domi-nique in Boston. He shot miserably, 6 for 21. He briefly cost the Hawks a fourth-quarter lead with a handful of terrible shots. At that point, Wilkens cafled timeout, His voice about as loud as it gets, he said: "We take control of this game right here." He dia-grammed a play for Willis on the low post. Willis it a jump book. The Head's kere Willis hit a jump book. The Hawks kept n control. The night was won. The star's feelings? Wilkens privately told someone not to worry about Dominique.

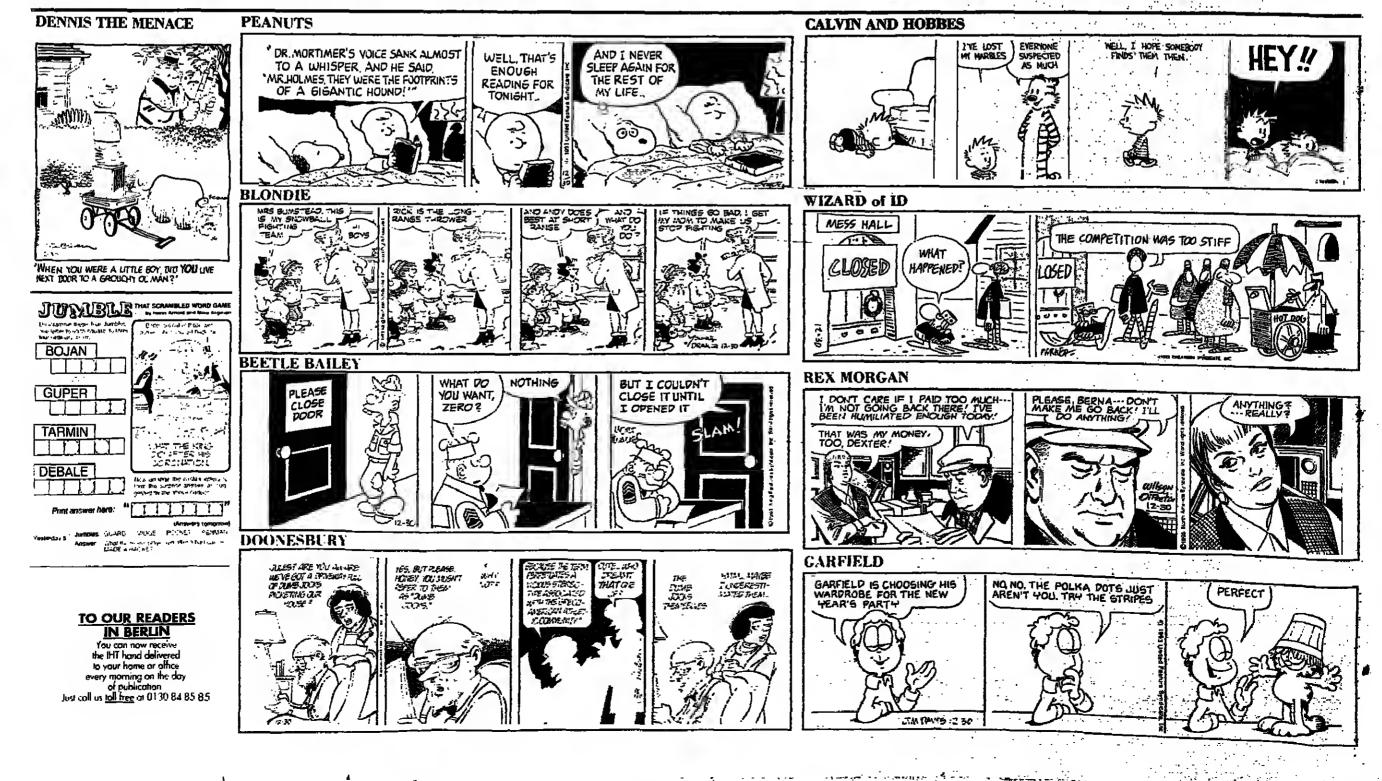
"I'll get him back," he said, Tarres.

Cycling sponsorship costs were due to rise next year, with Baneslo taking over Spain's Seguros Amaya cycling team,

But Banesto's sporting influence spreads much further, with a subsidiary company in charge public relations at the Real Madrid soccer club, as well as similar relationships with the four basketball clubs Real Madrid, Barcelona. Joventut and Estudiantes.

Through its Dorna affiliate, Banesto cosponsors double world rally ehampion Sainz, this season racing with the Subaru team, and world trial champion Jordi

No. 8 UCLA SI, North Carolina St. 75: In a game to mark the 20th



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Pro Bowl Mark: 11 Are Cowboys

SPORTS

Cowboys must be "America's voting at their position, Twenty team" --- II players for the defend- players on each squad were consen-

ing Super Bowl champions, an NFC record for one team, have been selected for in the National Football League's all-star game Feb. 6 in Honoluln in the first Pro Bowl balloting in which fans participated

receiver Michael Irvin, one of the Cowboys selected as a starter. The NFL record is 12, from the

The NFL record is 12 from the 1973 Miami Dolphins the year af-ter they went 17-0, the only perfect record in NFL history. The 1973 ed were wide receiver Michael Izteam also was a Super Bowl winner.

You get a lot of Pro Bowl selections the year after you have a big season like we did in winning the Super Bowl," the Cowbuys' coach, Jimmy Johnson, said after the selections were announced Tuesday. "I'm pleased to see we have three players make it on defense. Last year we didn't have any and we had

the best defense in the laugue." Only two other teams had as many as seven players selected in the first year that fans have participated: San Francisco and Buffalo. The 49ers got three of the six players who were named to the team in tichreakers by the fan vote - balloting by players, fans and coaches each counted one third.

This Pro Bowl also includes perhaps the oldest group of quarter-backs ever named, with 37-year-old he Montana of Kansas City and 38-year-nid Warren Moon of Houston the AFC backups and 38-year Phil Simms of the New York Gianis a backup for the NFC.

The starting quarterbacks are Troy Aikman of Dallas m the NFC and John Elway of Denver for the AFC. San Francisco's Steve Young joins Aikman and Simms as NFC 6c unarterbacks.

"I was surprised I finished ahead of Steve." Aikman said,

In addition to having the fans join coaches and players in voting, there were several other changes in the format for this year's leam, Detenses were switched from 3-4 to 4-3, which meant an extra defensive lineman was selected and one less inside linebacker.

A fulfhack also was selected to go with three running backs, adding the Courtons' Daryl Johnston to learnmate Emmitt Smith, Detroit's Barry Sanders and the Los Angeles Rams' rookie Jerome Bettis in the NFC. The AFC fulleack is Ketth Byars of Miami, joining Buffalo's Thorman Thomas, Kan-

ratas City's Marcus Allen and Pittsburgh's Barry Foster. Aikman was the top vote-getter pend the players until they pay

among the fans, who made NFC players their top live choices. He do not have to join the union, but got 216,782 votes to 205,106 for still have to pay the \$5,000 as an

every ballot cast by players and NEW YORK - The Dallas coaches and to finish first in fan sus selections.

Fan voting, however, was used whenever there was a tied vnte, and six players made the teams that way - all high-profile players or players from high-profile teams. They were tight ends Keith Jack-

"I think having it guys selected son of Miami and Brent Jones of shows you the kind of respect we San Francisco, offensive linemen have around the league." said wide Jumbo Elliott of the Gianus and Jesse Sapolu and Guy Melntyre of the 49ers, and linebacker Pat Swill-

vin, ollensive tackle Erik Williams, guard Nate Newton, center Mark Stepnoski, tight end Jay Novacek, defensive tackle Russell Maryland, linebacker Ken Norton and center Thomas Everett.

Stepnoski is injured and won't play. He was replaced on the roster by the Giants' Bart Oates, who shares the center position on his own team with Brian Williams. The seven Buffalo players are Thomas, wide receiver Andre Reed, offensive tackle Howard Ballard, defensive end Bruce Smith, unebacker Cornelius Bennett, cornerback Nate Odomes and special Darryl Talley, whom most of the

Bills consider, along with Odomes, their top defensive player this year. "I'm very surprised." said Reed, who ranks 13th among AFC receivers with 803 yards. His 48 catches

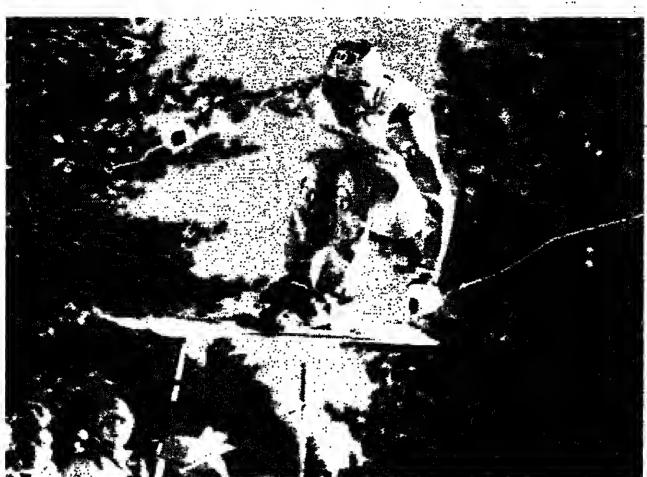
equals his career low, set in his rookie season. "I was injured two games and I really didn't have the numbers. I didn't have the catches that I've

had previous years." · Anthony Smith, the Los Angeles Raiders' defensive end who would have become a free agent at in second place, 14 nautical miles astern, was the 12.2-meter the end of the season, has signed a four-year. \$7.6 million contract

with the team, the Los Angeles Times reported. tralia's winning America's Cup tac-Smith, who leads the Raiders with 1212 sacks, will receive \$1.2 ucian, Hugh Trehane. Wild Thing was third, followed by Hartz Mineral Waters and million immediately as an addition to his 1993 salary, thus removing Sword of Orion.

that amount as permitted from consideration toward next year's anticipated salary cap. • An arbitrator is expected to

decide by Thursday on the grievance filed by the NFL Players Association against the Washington Beijing, 14 Other Cities, Interested in 2004 Olympics Redskins for the team's failure to suspend 35 players who have yet to pay their union membership dues, The Washington Post reported. If the arbitrator, Herbert Fish-gold, rules in the NFLPA's favor, the Redskins will be forced to suscities, including Beijing, have expressed interest in staging the Summer Olympic Games in the year 2004, the International Olympic



Marc Girardelli, the reigning World Cup champion, flew down the course at Bormio, Italy, but came in second, .28 seconds back.

teams player Steve Tasker. Curiously missing is linebacker Smaller Becomes Best in Yacht Race

apparent that Ninety Seven had taken the lead Tuesday night when the race favorite, the maxi Brinda-Compiled in Char Staff Front Dispatche HOBART, Australia -- Ninety Seven, one of the smallest vachts in bella, withdrew with bow damage. the fleet, had surged into a big lead late Wednesday over a dwindling Bobsled, sailed by a crew of number boats in the storm-bat-

French navy cadeus from the Ecole tered Sydney-10-Hobart race. Race officials reported that Polytechnique under French America's Cup skipper Yves Pajot. Ninety Seven, the 14,3-meter (47had erred in reporting its position font] Australian sloop skippered by Andrew Strachan, was about 140 Tuesday and was in eighth place Wednesday alternoon, officials nautical miles (240 kilometers) said from the finish line in Hobart. The fleet stnod at 38 late

Wednesday, Nn fewer than 67 yacbts had withdrawn from the 630-nautical-

Cuckoo's Nest, skippered by Ausmile race and two bad been sunk since the 105-boat fleet left Sydney Harbor on Sunday to be confronted with mountainous seas.

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Brindabella's owner. George After a day of confusion over the Snow, said his 23-meter yacht bad position of the pocket maxi Bob- hit a submerged abject that left a sled-Société Générale, it became gouge in the bow,

The race director, Greg Halls, said the damage bill for repairs and sail replacement among the 67 dropouts had reached an estimated \$2 million

race for the big boats because of the heavy seas and strong winds, but the smaller boats have proved the pundits wrong," one race official said, adding that "there are only two big boats in the top 10."

formance by Ninety Seven and an even more amazing achievement by Cuckoo's Nest," the official said,

"It's virtually unheard of for a yacht that size to be where it is." The seas remained rough, with 30-knot southerly headwinds kicking up 10-meter waves, but conditions were expected to ease in the

next 24 hours, weather forecasters The two leading yachts were weathering the storm well but had chosen different courses for the fi-

nal leg to Hobart, it finale into a tactical duel. Ninety Seven had chosen to bug

the east coast of Tasmania, while Cuckoo's Nest had gone out to sea, hoping to gain an advantage when ther casi.

"It's become a race of tactics at the moment." a race official said. The winner, he added, depends on

the low pressure center moved far-

how the winds go." (AP. Rewers)

Trinkl Wins Downhill, Just **Missing Record**

Wednesday's race, the third

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BORMIO, Italy - Hannes downhill of the season. Trinkl of Austria turned in one of the fastest downhill races in Alpine ski history Wednesday for his second World Cup victory in eight from first to second place with 479days.

Kjetil Andre Aarnodt, the young Norwegian all-around skier who did not start in Bormio, slipped-Italy's slainm star. Alberin

The 25-year-old from St. Pank-Tomba, who does not compete in raz beat reigning World Cup cham-pion Marc Girardelli of Luxem-bourg by 28 seconds and the young speed races, dropped from second to third, with 454 points. Girardelli moved up in fourth American Tommy Moe by 51 by flashing down the demanding with 351. Pietro Vitalini came in fourth in-the downhill, for the best Italian, 3,582-meter-long Stelvio course in I minute, 55.76 seconds, at an averfinish of the day. He was .65 secage speed of 111.380 kph.

onds behind Trinkl. Armin Assinger, an Austrian who placed sixth in Wednesday's Olympic downhill champion Patrick Ordleb nf Austria, winner race, set the downhill record averof the previous downhill in Valage of about 112 kph at Sierra Ne-Gardena on Dec. 18, was lifth. He. vada — site of the 1995 World Championships — in a World Cup race last March. said flu prevented him from doingbetter. "On this track you need strong. legs for winning." Ortlieb said. He still retained the lead in the:

Trinkl bettered by nine seconds Pirmin Zurbriggen's winning time in the world championships' downhill race on the same course in 1985. It was Trinkl's first downhill vic-

tory, added to his first triumph in a finished eighty, 1.08 seconds slowers Super-G at Lech last week with a than the winner. faultiess performance on an icy. twisting technical course that dropped 1,010 meters.

"I attacked throughout, I made Switzerland's downhillers sufgood turns and skied an almost perfect race," said Trinkl, who had fered another setback, with veter-ans Daniel Mahrer and Franz-Heinzer placing 12th and 29th. refour serious knee injuries between 1986 and 1989 in an effort to excel spectively, in speed races. He is now seeking a Heinzer is the defending World place on the powerful Austrian team for the February Olympics in Liflehammer.

You need good luck for com-leting a race like this and no doubt I was lucky today," he said, adding that injuries were the toil "you must pay lor becoming a good

"He's the best downhiller of this season," said Girardelli, who posted his best downhill finish since 1989

Girardelli, who's shooting for an unprecedented sixth World Cup title, finished twice among the top three in downhill this month and said he was steadily improving alter a disappointing start to the sea-

SOIL. "Now I must do better in giant slalom and slalom," be said. "I have high hopes for the January FICES.

Moe, a 23-year-old from Alaska who has been the most consistent try to delay the trial. U.S. skier this season, made his

best showing in an European He had placed second at Whis-

tler Mountain, Canada, last Febru- leased. ary, and placed in a super-giant points. ed atop the Cup standings with 485 hurt. points with his seventh-place finish No

Cup downhill champinn. The men's next races are a giant slalom and a slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, on Jan. 8-9. **a** Jan. 10 Sought for Trial The trial of two neo-Nazis

World Cup downhill standings. abead of Girardelli and Trinkl.

Peter Runggaldier, the fastest skier in Tuesday's training runs,

He outskiet Trinkl in the first,

part of the course but made a deci-

sive mistake in the bottom section.

charged with beaung a member of the U.S. Olympic luge team is ex-pected to open Jan. 10, the Thuer-inger Allgemeine newspaper re-ported Thursday from Subl. Sermany

The U.S. team is to return the same day to nearby Oberhof, the small winter resort town in eastern. Germany where the attack took-place Oct. 29. to prepare for World Cup races.

That was one reason, the newspaper said, that the district court in Suhl wanted to open the trial on Jan, 10. But a court spokesman. Karsten Räubekeul, said defense attorneys for the two accused may

Two neo-Nazi skinheads, 16 and 21. have been charged with causing rievous bodily harm in the attack. Their names have not been re-

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Duncan Kennedy, a member of the U.S. luge team that was practic-"I had a great race," said Moe. ing in Oberhof at the time, was who climbed to 19th place in the beaten by about 10 skinheads out-overall Cup standings, with 159 side a night club after the neo-Nazis insulted his black teammate. Rob-Günther Mader of Austria vault- ert Pipkins. Kennedy was not badly No one else has been charged.

Ninety Seven, a Sydney-based sloop, was expected to arrive in Hubart Thursday morning. If she crosses the line first, she will be the smallest yacht in the. race's 49-year history to take line honors, officials said, "Everyone said this would be a

"This has been a remarkable per-

IOC hulletin's list.

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Deion Sanders were the only play- day's season finale against the Miners to receive first-place votes an nesota Vikings at RFK Stadium.

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Committee has reported. In its weekly bulletin, the IOC said th

Moscow staged the 1980 Olympics when it was capital of the then Soviet Union. Beijing was a leading contender for the

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2000 Olympics, but was closely beaten out by Sydney when the IOC voted last September. Istanbul, another contender for 2000, is also

ning a joint application to stage different events.

In Germany, the cities of Dusseldorf and

A newcomer to the list of possible contend-

Aacben were considering a joint candidacy

on behalf of the Ruhr region, according to the

her possible candidates for 2004. bulletin said, were Buenos Aires, Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro, Stockholm, Seville in Spain and San Juan in Puerto Rico.

considering a 2004 bid, the bulletin said.

Games, Berlin and the northern British city

of Manchester, bave apparently shown no

further interest and were not included on the

Two other cities who sought the 2000

The national Olympic committees of countries considering staging the Games have un-til March 1996 to formally present their hids.

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Rains Bring Paris-Dakar Rally to Halt PARIS (AFP) -- Bad weather brought the Paris-Dakar rally to a halt

Wednesday on its second day, with competitors bogged down in mud. None of the motorcycles could start the 8.5-kilometer second special stage at Villenave d'Ornon near Bordeaux, and the automobile race was halted after 38 of the 95 cars had tried a shurtened 4.5 kilometer course. Torrential rain over the past 10 days had turned the course into axie deep mud, while flooded lakes on the route had also spilled over on to the track. "It was like driving in a quagmire." said Erwin Weber of Germany. a Mitsubishi driver.

Bowe Offers Holyfield \$20 Million

NEW YORK (AP) - Rock Newman, the manager of Riddick Bowe, has offered Evander Holyfield \$20 million to defend his heavyweight titles next May or June against the man he took them from in November. Newman said he would go ahead with the fight even without approval of the IBF and WBA, which last week refused to sanction a heavyweight

unification fight between Holyfield and WBC champion Lennox Lewis, claiming Holyfield's first obligation is a mandatury defense against Nn. 1 challenger Michael Moorer. Bin Holyfield, in a statement, said: "If I decide to fight again. I'm not

giving up any of my files." • Vinny Pazienza, the former champ whose neck was broken in an auto

accident two years ago, knocked out Dan Sberry in the 11th round in Aspen. Colorado, to take the vacant 180 super middleweight title.

Lemieux Is Likely Out Until March

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Pittsburgh Penguins said Mario Lemieux's surgically repaired back is improving, but the four-time NHL scoring champion said he probably won't play again until March.

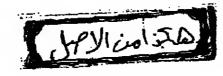
The Penguins' general manager, Craig Patrick, was arrested on drunk-en driving charges early Tuesday after running into the side of a bighway approach ramp.

For the Record

Paul Gascoigne is doubtful for Lazio's match Sunday with Sampdoria after returning from his Christmas break in England with a groin strain, said the "very annoyed" coach of the Rome team. Dino Zoff. (AFP) Pelé has returned to the Rio de Janeiro team Santos as a member of the board of directors at the club for which be played 17 years. (Reuters)

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Famous First Words

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WASHINGTON - People said things to each other in 1993 that they would just as soon take back. Here are some of them: John Bobbitt to his wife, "Hon-

ev, is the sushi ready? Michael Jackson to a young boy.

"Be my guest."

Executive to Larry Tisch, head of "Mr. 7 CBS. Tisch, there's no sense in us pay-

ing a lot of moncy for the NFL games. Where else can the owners go?"

Producer to PBS director, Why don't we Howard get Buchwald

Stern to read stories to children on 'Sesame Street??

To President Clinton from an aide, "There are two Arkansas state troopers in the anteroom. They want to know if they talk to the press are they still entitled to hencfits under Hillary's health plan?"

To Princess Duna from a friend. "Have you ever thought of telling Charles that you would like to be queen, and he can have the house in the country?"

Joey Buttafuoco's lawyer; "Joey, there isn't a jury in the country that won't choke up when you tell them you never laid a hand on Amy Fisher because she was too young for you.'

Lieutenanr junior grade to top admiral at Las Vegas Tailhook convention, "Sir, why don't we stop in on the third floor and have a quiet nightcap with the boys?"

Ship Models to Be Sold

Agence France-Presse

VOUVRAY, France --- One of Europe's major private collections of model sailing ships, on show at a museum here until mid-January, is to be sold at auction. The 60 scale models were collected over 30 years by former a French naval officer. Christian Barrière of Blois, He hunted down the original ship-making plans in maritime museums and obscure libraries, and entrusted the model-making to four professional workshops in Mauritius, the United

Publicity agent to Burt Reyn-olds. If you go on TV and tell the world how cruel and selfish Loni Anderson was to you during your matriage, you'll have the sympathy of every woman in the country."

Sheikh Omur Abdel Rahman to one of his followers. "Before you blow up the World Trade Center, he sure to get your parking ticket validated

To Pablo Escobar, the dope king, from his lawyer. "If you surrender. the most the judge can give you is 100 hours of community service at the Medellin Boys Club."

Senator Bob Packwood to a female staffer. "Some day people are going to read this diary and say, 'So, that's what United States senators

Hollywood agent to Chevy Chase, "Chevy, everyone in America is dying to watch your late show. Give up your movie career and I'll make you the next Johnny Car-SOR.

Heidi Fleiss, the alleged Hollywood madam, to a client, "Yes, you are in my little black book but only as the Orkin man."

Boris Yeltsin's political adviser: Hold elections now and the people will give you a vote of confi-dence the likes of which Mother Russia has never seen."

The best friend of Ross Perot: "You should buy TV time right away and make Bill Clinton sorry he ever heard of Ross Perot."

Admiral Bobby Ray Inman's accountant: "You can pay your parttime help's Social Security or you can not pay it. It will still have no how many nuclear miseffect on siles the North Koreans have to their bunkers."

Woody Allen to Mia, "I'm taking Soun Yi to the spring prom, and I promise not to drink when I'm driv.

Mia to Woody, "I don't know anyone I would rather trust with my 19-year-old daughter than the

man 1 once loved." Patient to Dr. Jack Kevorkian, "Hello, Doctor, I can't seem to shake this bad cold. Any chance you can fit me in today?"

President Clinton, sitting in Air Force One on Los Angeles airport tarmac, "Anyone around here know where I can get a haircut?"

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1993

Fading Praise for the Aging Kurosawa

By T.R. Reid Wushington Post Service OKYO - Does a brilliant artist who has speet half a century making a magnificent, indelible contribution to the world's cinematic literature have the right, after 50 years, to become self-indulgent,

long-winded - eveo downright prosaic? The question arises in the case of Akira Kurosawa, Japan's greatest filmmaker, creator of such classics as "Rashomon" and "The Seven Samurai," winner of two Oscars and countless other awards, role model and meotor for

ycbF 80a	wo generations of ounger directors in- luding Steven Spiel- erg, George Lucas and rancis Ford Coppola. This year the jaunty 3-year-old Kurosawa elebrated his 50th year s a director and re- rased his special Gold-	"There are so many films I wa to shoot before I die.'
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"Mahda da yo!" ("No. Not Yet!"), to mark the occasion. Therein lies the problem: The new Kur-

osawa movie, a meandering 2-hour-20nunute memoir that is almost completely free of plot, was roundly criticized here as nverly long and downright tedious. Even worse, "No, Not Yet!" is the third Kurosawa film in three years to garner that kind of reaction from the critics.

At the twilight of a spectacular career, Akira Kurosawa appears to have run smack into the classic dilemma of The Great Man: Nobody dates challenge his judgments on the set or in the editing room -- but without artistic challenge and careful editing, the great man can't make great movies.

It's hard to imagine that the most recent Kurosawa movie will inspire much of any-thing beyond wistful memories. Each frame is virtually perfect, like the servings in one of those exquisite Japanese restaurants where every last pea and parsley sprig is placed just so on the plate to enhance the aesthetic effect. But "No. Not Yet!" has none of the electricity, the sheer dramatic drive, of the great Kurosawa movies. Kurosawa himself, it must be said.

seems completely impervious to this line of criticism. His only concern, he has said, is that "I don't have much time to live, and , there are so many films I want to

shoot before I die." In fact, the whole point of "No. Not Yet!" is Kurosawa's insistence that he's not

yet ready to slip into retirement. The ocwest Kurosawa film is a sweetly sentimental memoir of the Japanese college professor and essayist Hyakken Uchida (1889-1971). To the extent that this slow-moving film is "about" anything.

sensei in Confucian societies. The sensei the word is usually translated as "teacher" nr "master" - is not just the professor who teaches you for a couple of semesters, but rather a guide and mentor for life. In "No. Not Yetl." a large group of Uchida's former students form a club to serve and honor their sensei.

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In the film world, of course, the greatest sensei of all is Akira Kurosawa. His "students," including the late Indian director Satyajit Ray, the French director Alain

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The film exhibits all the signature Kurosawa touches and has some fine performances (Tatsuo Matsumura as the sensei and George Tokom as a leader of the students).

But oone of that is enough to bring the plodding movie to life. At a showing in downtown Tokyo, people in the audience were snoring loudly after the first halfhour, and at least a third had left long before the extended final scene.

"The film is completely flat," complained critic Kenji Sato in the influential magazine Shokun. "It lacks the thing that is indispensable for a movie: drama." Harsh words indeed for a man who has

made any number of vividly dramatic films since the fateful day in 1943 when he took the director's chair on the set of a judo feature called "Sanshiro Sugata." "It was wartime," Kurosawa recalled

later. and because of Japanese military censorship, "you weren't allowed to say anything worth saying." Still, "Sanshiro Sugata" was a success - "the film as a whole has directness, economy, and a su-perb athletic beauty," the American critic Donald Richie noted — and Kurosawa was on his way.

The great breakthrough came seven years later with the asionishing "Rasho-mon." a strange and wonderful cinema experience that has become a touchstone the modern age.

"Rashomon" was a mild success in postwar Japan. Neither Kurosawa nor anyone else expected anything much to come of it. But by chance, an Italian director traveling through Tokyo saw the movie and recommended it to the organizers of the Venice Film Festival, When "Rashomon" took the

Resnais and some, but not all, young Japanese directors, lend to honor and worship their master much the way Professor Uchida's sudents do. Thus, it doesn't take a great deal of insight to suppose that Kurosawa's new movie is also a movie about Kur-

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Akira Kurosawa, 83, is impervious to the criticism of "No, Not Yet."

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By then, the Japanese economy was the

wonder of the world, and Knrosawa was

once again able to find backers at home. In 1991, just in time for the 50th anniversary

of the Pearl Harbor attack, he finally made

a movie, "Rhapsody in August," about the

subject that had been larking in his mind

like a bad dream for 45 years: the atom

The film was somewhat successful in

Japan, but it infuriated Westerners. Kur-

osawa apparently didn't realize that this depiction of the A-bomb would make

some people very mad. On the night in

March 1991 when he proudly previewed

the movie in Tokyo, the master was clearly

stunned by the intensely hostile reaction

was "an act of forgiveness between the people of the countries." Americans won-

dered why it was the United States that had to be forgiven for the tragedies of

World War II, and "Rhapsody in August"

did poorly outside of Japan. Now, with "No, Not Yet!." Kurosawa

has retreated to politically safe territory.

The problem with the new movie is not

that it will anger people, but rather that it

"Rhapsody in August," Kurosawa said,

from Western journalists.

- the Western world woke up to the fact

Kurosawa wrote later that winning these international awards for a movie about ancient Japan was exhilarating but also disconcerting. "If Western people are going to watch my movies. I want them to be movies about what's happening in Ja-

Kurosawa had made "Rashnmon," "Ikiru" and "The Seven Samurai" - three movies universally recognized as classics. Gradually, though, he lost his connection with the Japanese audience. His films, such as "Red Beard" and "High and Low. were box office flops, and by the early 1970s he couldn't get financing at

Kurnsawa's second Osear-winner, "Derzu Uzala" (1975), is basically a Russian movie, financed by the Soviet state movie company Mosfilm, His 1980 tragedy "Kagemusha" was financed by Coppola and Lucas. Lucas and Spielberg were the angels for the alternately confusing and compelling "Dreams," which Kurosawa completed hy his 80th birthday in 1990.



Young Bosnian Diarist Has a Peaceful Holiday

A Bosnian sirl whose diary of civil war is being published world-wide is spending her first peaceful holiday in two years after flecing Sarajevo. Zlata Filipovic, 13, is resting in Paris before beginning a promotion campaign next week for "Zlata's Diary." said a spokeswom-an for her publisher. Fixot Zlata will begin interviews next week in France and tour Europe for four months before heading for Japan and the United States. On her 11th birthday, Zlaia began what at first was a diary like countless others. Several months later, war between 13 the Serbs and the Muslim-led government broke out.

The Guggenheim Museum in New York has settled its lawsuit against the owners of a 1912 Marc Chagal watercolor that was stolen from the museum more than 25 years ago. Guggenheim officials said "Le Marchand de Bestiaux" was stolen between 1965 and 1967. The painting, with a current value of about \$200.000, resurfaced in 1985 in the apartment of Jules and Ra-chell Lubell, who had paid a New York gallery \$17,000 for it in 1967. Mrs. Lubell's lawyers said she and her late husband had no idea it was stolen, and no one was ever arrested for the theft. One of the defendants. the art dealer Gertrude Stein, said the total settlement was \$212,000.

Princess Diana, currently io Washington, will stike another blow for personal freedom by dispensing with her bodyguards in England, the Today tabloid reports. It quotes an unidentified source as saving: "She wants to be able to melt into the background. She has had no private life for 13 long years."

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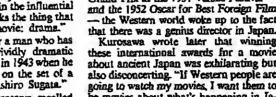
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